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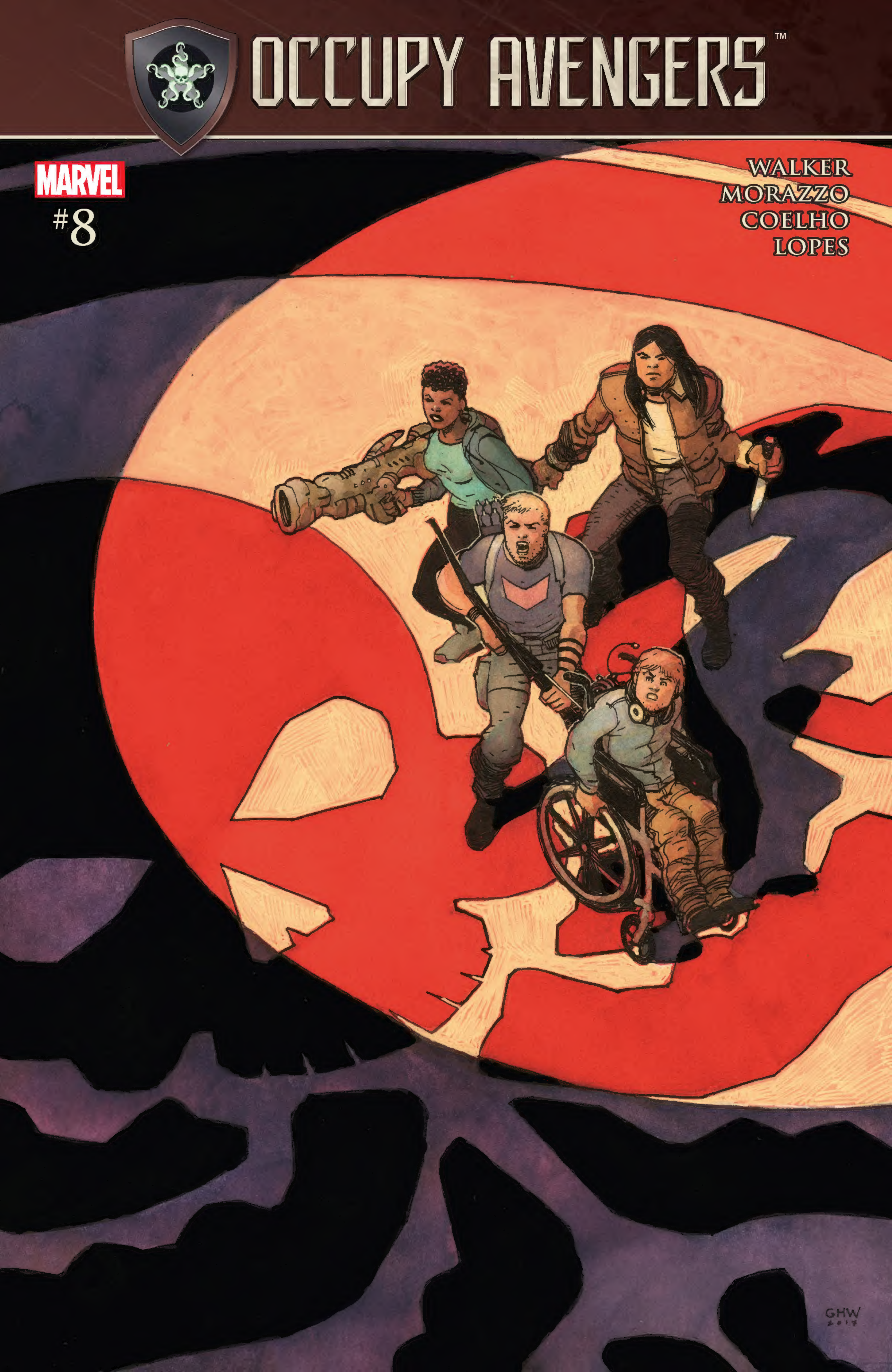

THERE IS A MAN. AND IF YOU CAN FIND HIM, AND IF HE BELIEVES IN YOUR PLIGHT, HE AND HIS TEAM WILL DO WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE.

SOME CALL THEM OUTLAWS, REBELS, ROBIN HOODS. TO MANY, THEY ARE HEROES. NO POWERS TO SPEAK OF, JUST SKILLS, SMARTS AND THE DRIVE TO PUT THINGS RIGHT.

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HAWKEYE'S NEW TEAM WAS JUST STARTING TO GET THEIR LEGS UNDER THEM, BUT NOW THEY'LL HAVE TO RUN BEFORE THEY CAN WALK. CAPTAIN AMERICA REVEALED HIMSELF TO BE AN AGENT OF HYDRA AND HAS TRAPPED MOST OF THE WORLD'S HEROES BEYOND THE PLANETARY DEFENSE SHIELD OR WITHIN THE DARKFORCE BUBBLE SURROUNDING MANHATTAN.

STEVE ROGERS IS NOW IN CONTROL OF THE COUNTRY--AND HIS RULE IS BRUTAL AND ABSOLUTE. ONLY A SMALL RESISTANCE LED BY HAWKEYE IS LEFT TO OPPOSE HIM--BUT WHAT DOES CLINT'S NEW ROLE MEAN FOR RED WOLF, WHEELS AND TILDA?

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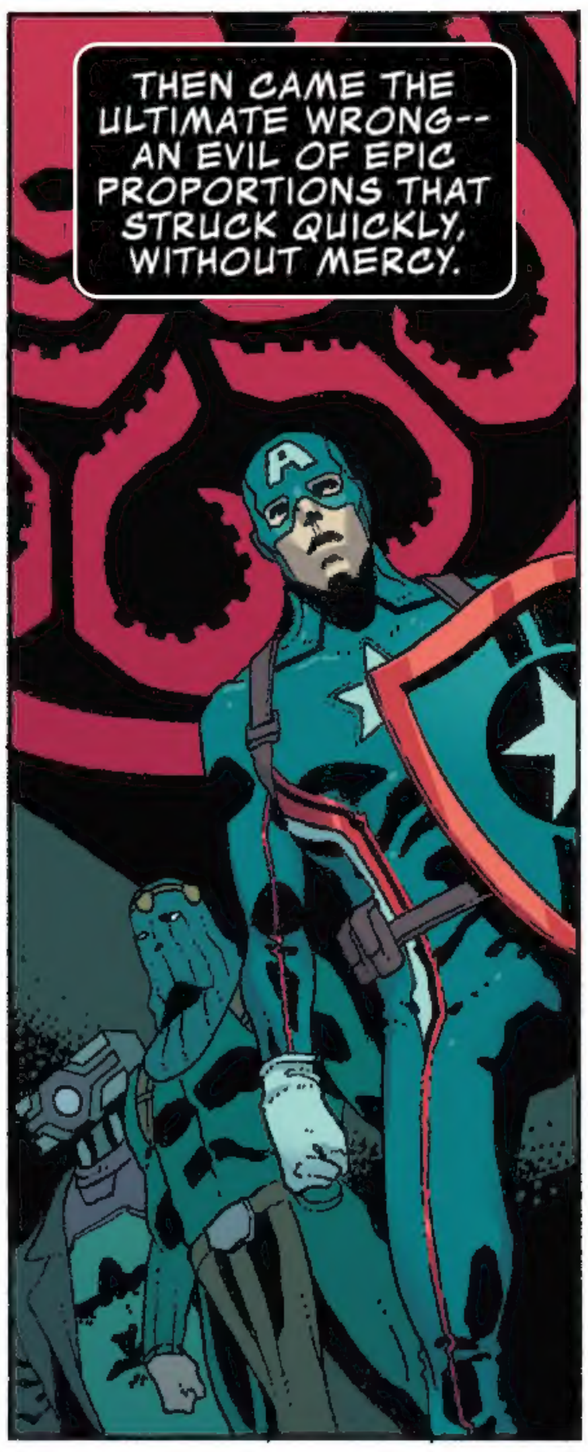
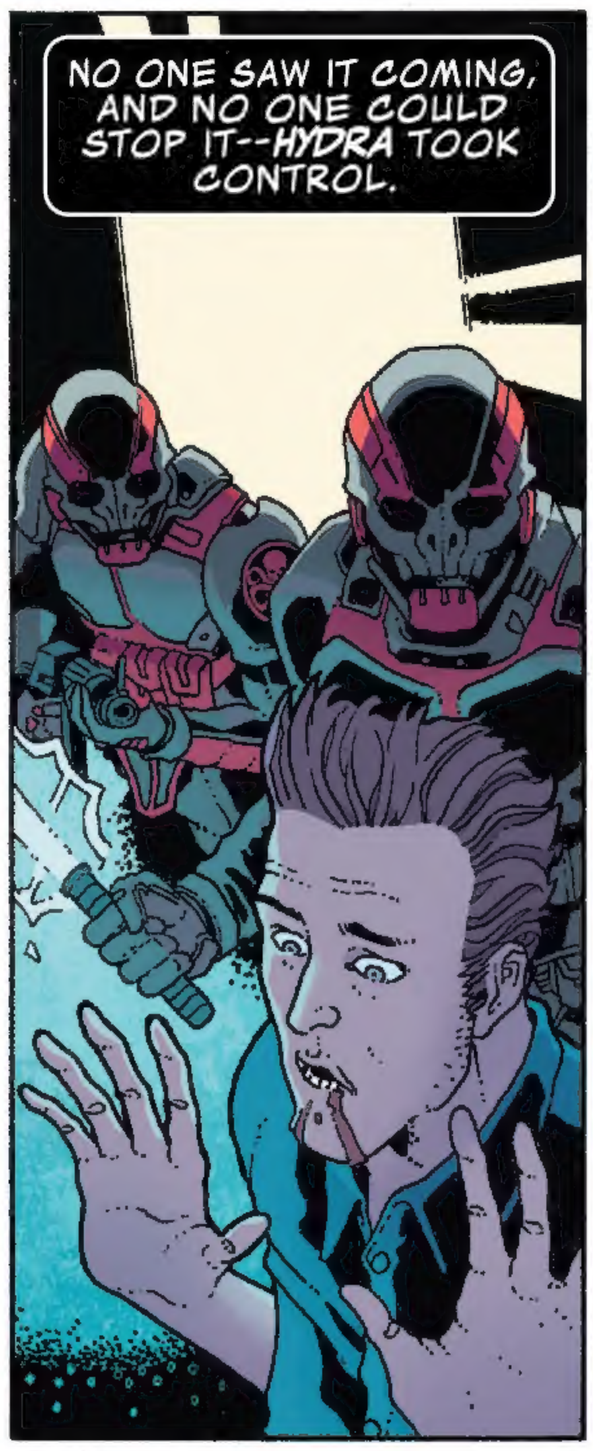
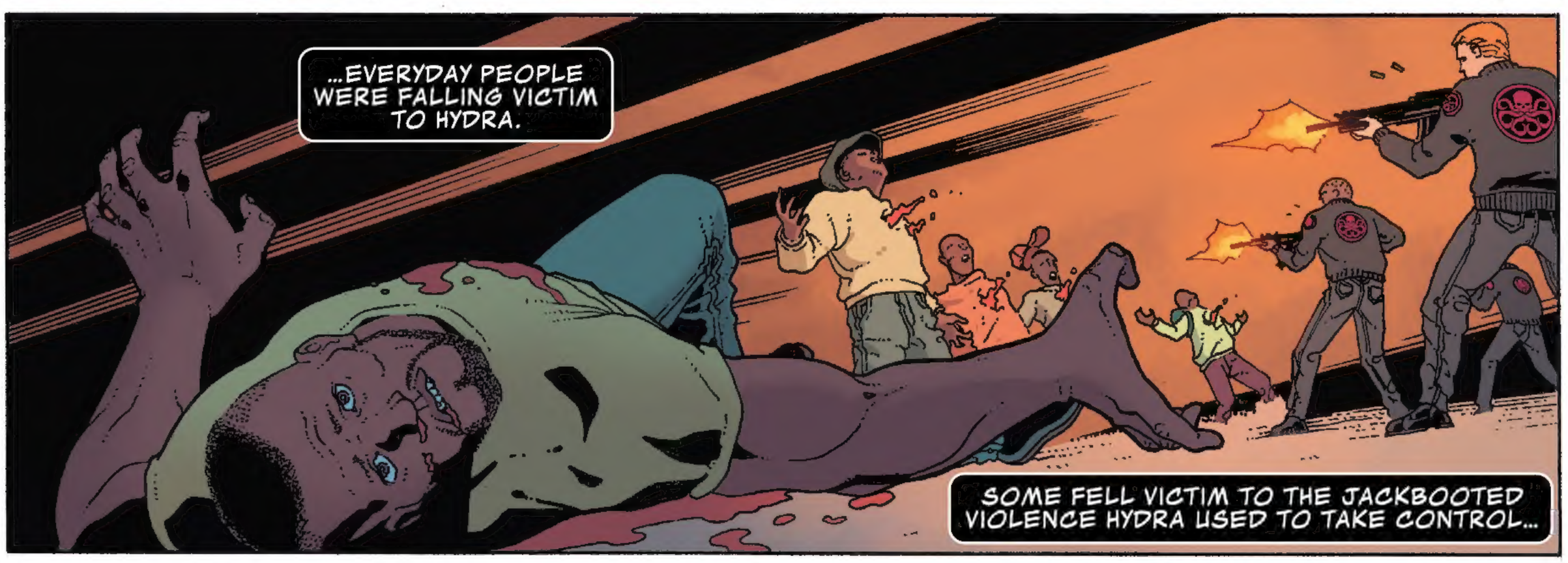
THEN.

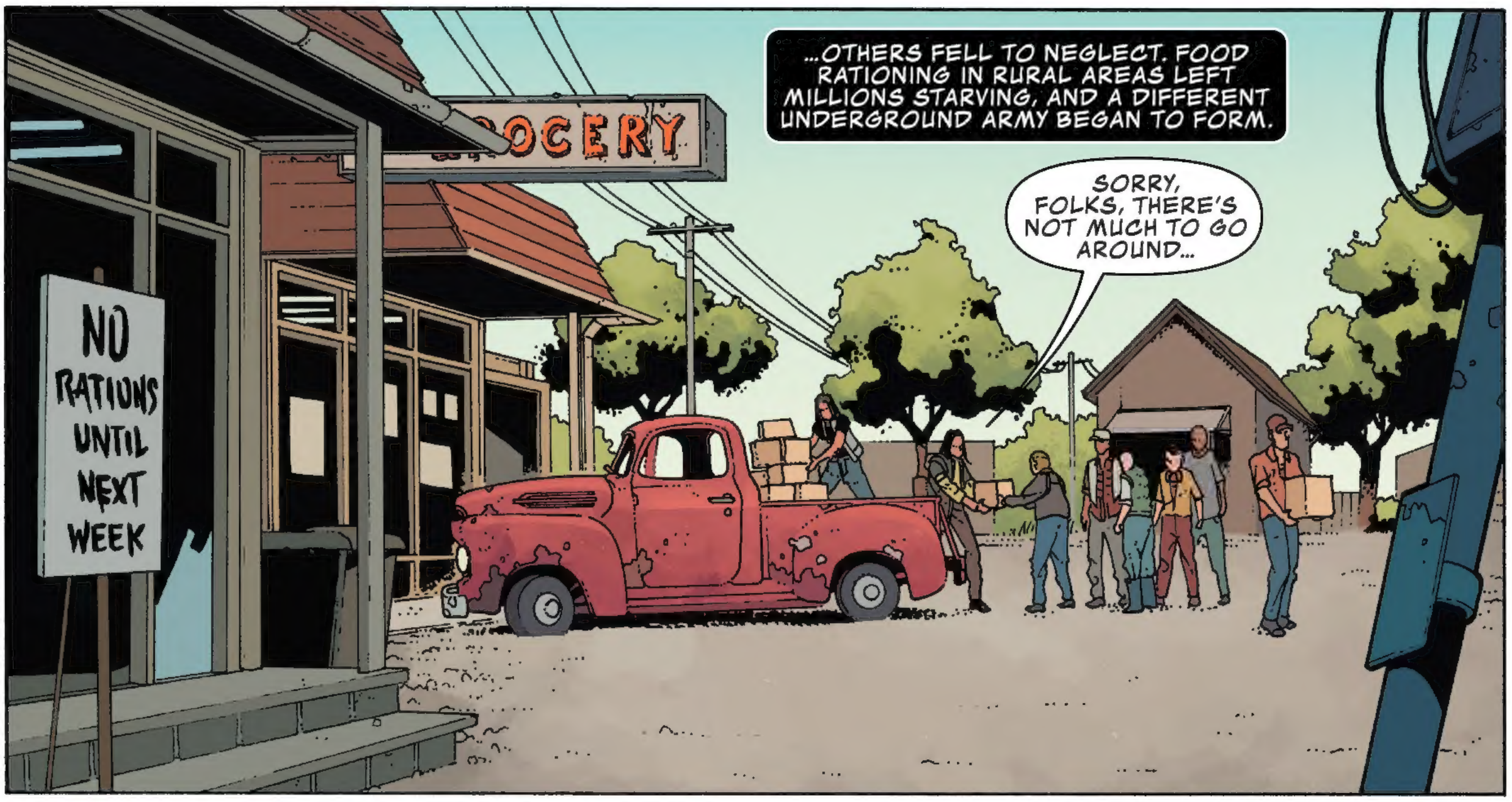
WE NEVER MEANT TO BE A TEAM. WE WERE JUST A GROUP OF MISFITS, TRYING TO MAKE THE WRONG THINGS RIGHT...

...AND WE HAPPENED TO JOIN UP TO DO IT TOGETHER.

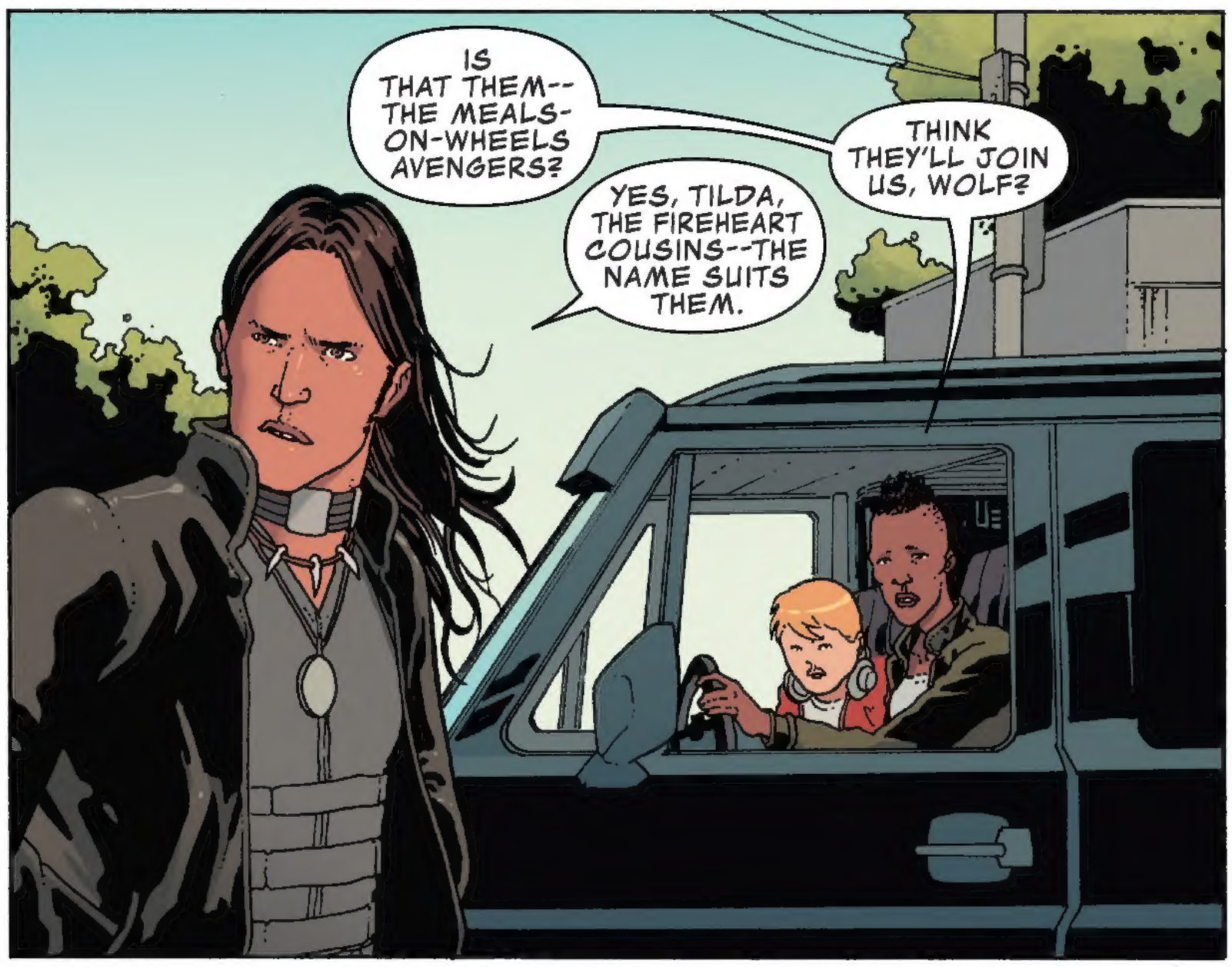


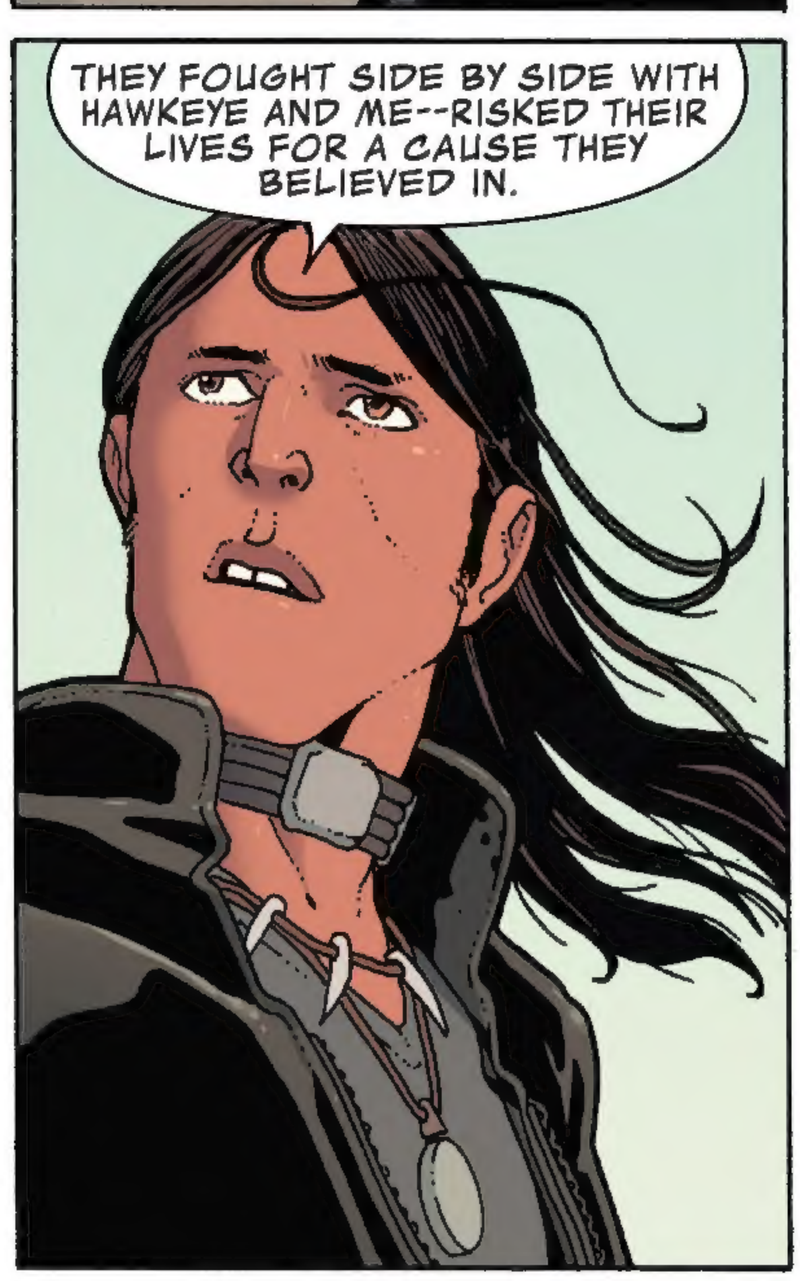




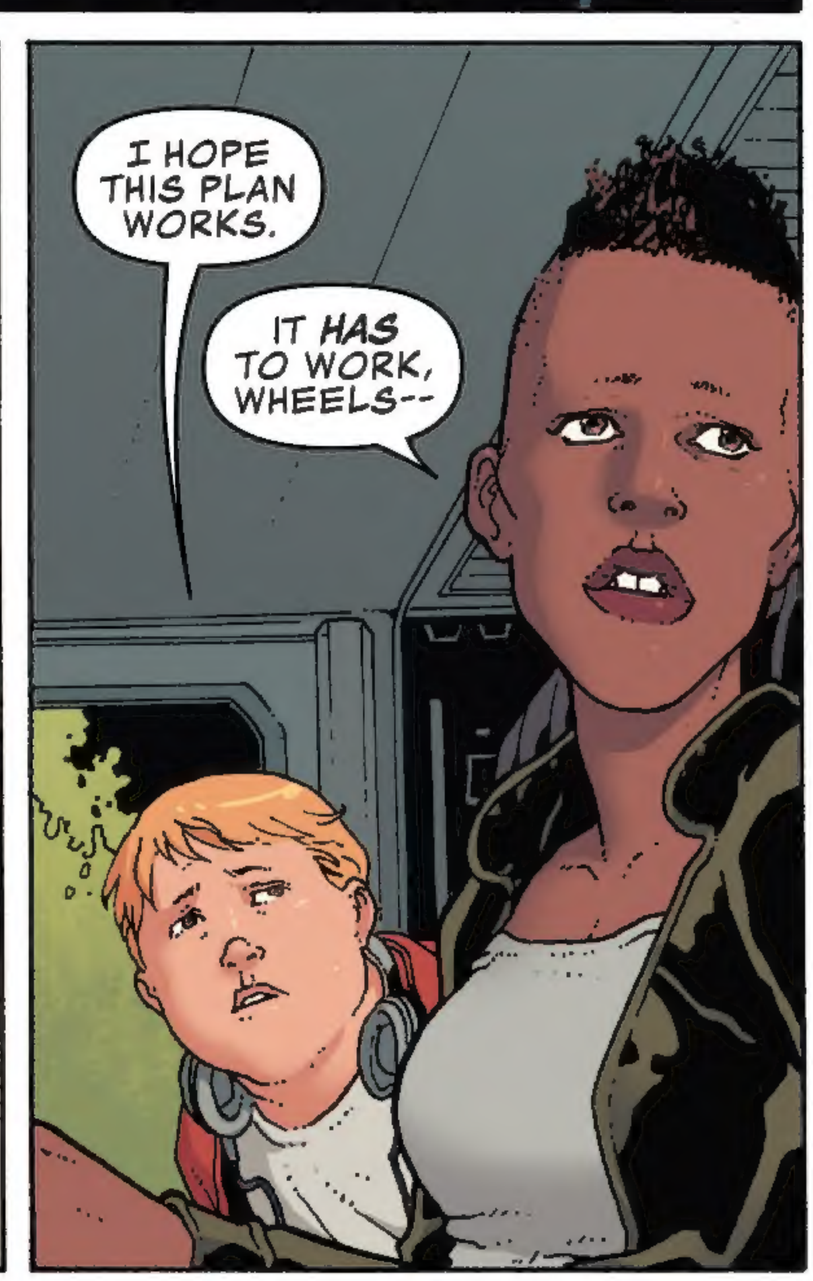

...OTHERS FELL TO NEGLECT. FOOD RATIONING IN RURAL AREAS LEFT MILLIONS STARVING, AND A DIFFERENT UNDERGROUND ARMY BEGAN TO FORM.
SORRY, FOLKS, THERE'S NOT MUCH TO GO AROUND...
NO RATIONS UNTIL NEXT WEEK

DIFFERENT HEROES TOOK A STAND.
...BUT WE'VE GOT FOOD FOR EVERYONE. FAMILIES WITH INFANTS AND CHILDREN GET TOP PRIORITY.


IS THAT THEM--THE MEALS-ON-WHEELS AVENGERS?
YES, TILDA, THE FIREHEART COUSINS--THE NAME SUITS THEM.
THINK THEY'LL JOIN US, WOLF?


THEY FOUGHT SIDE BY SIDE WITH HAWKEYE AND ME--RISKED THEIR LIVES FOR A CAUSE THEY BELIEVED IN.

SILAS AND FRANK FIREHEART--I WOULD HAVE WORDS WITH YOU.


I HOPE THIS PLAN WORKS.
IT HAS TO WORK, WHEELS--

"--WE'RE RUNNING OUT OF OPTIONS."
...ANY ATTEMPT TO WITHHOLD FOOD OR DELIVER FOOD SUPPLIES TO UNAUTHORIZED DISTRIBUTION LOCATIONS WILL BE MET WITH *EXTREME PREJUDICE.*
DO YOU $#@%-KICKING REDNECKS KNOW WHAT THAT MEANS?

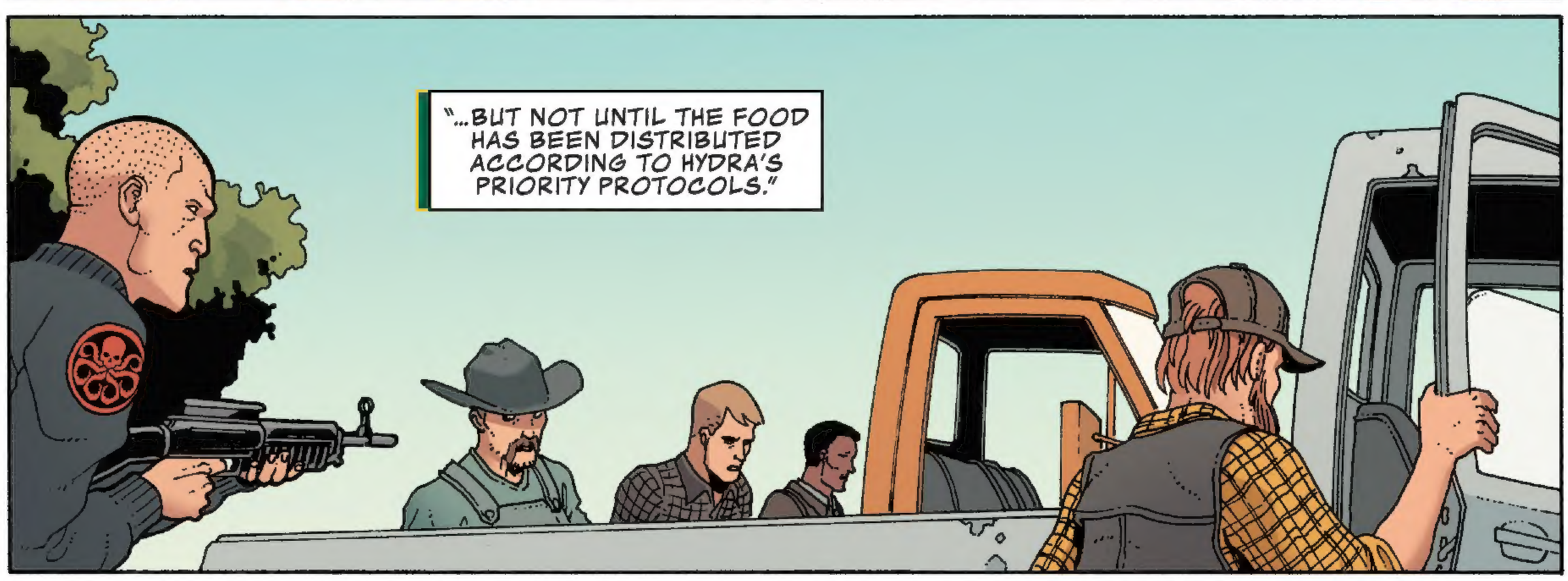
IT MEANS THAT IF YOU TAKE ONE LEAF OF LETTUCE SOMEWHERE IT ISN'T SUPPOSED TO GO, YOU WILL BE EXECUTED.
ANY QUESTIONS?
YEAH, I GOT A QUESTION...

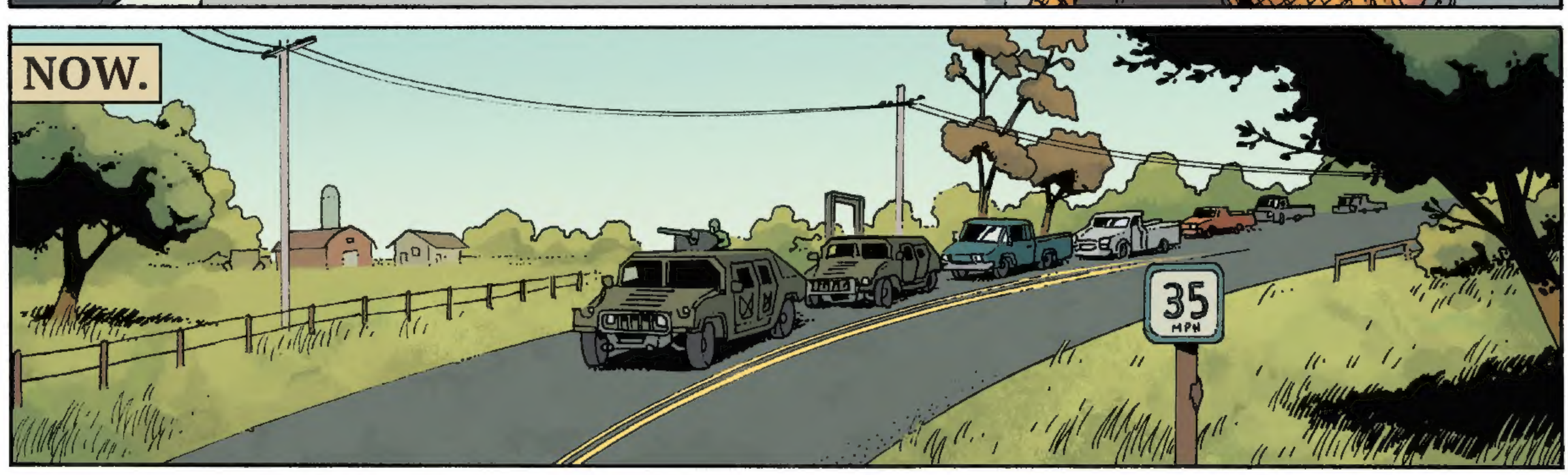
...HOW ARE WE SUPPOSED TO SURVIVE?!
WE AIN'T GETTIN' PAID FOR OUR CROPS AND LIVESTOCK!
YOU AIN'T EVEN LEAVIN' US ENOUGH FOOD TO FEED OURSELVES!
AIN'T A DAMN FAMILY IN NEBRASKA THAT AIN'T STARVIN' TO DEATH!

FROM WHAT I HEAR, IT'S THE SAME ALL OVER!
LET ME TELL YOU--IT'LL BE A COLD DAY IN HELL 'FORE I LET SOME CLOWNS IN GREEN MASKS STEAL FOOD FROM THE MOUTHS OF MY FAMILY!
YOU HEAR ME?!

MARTY?
BANG

IN CASE I WASN'T CLEAR EARLIER-- ANY ATTEMPT TO WITHHOLD FOOD, OR DELIVER FOOD SUPPLIES TO UNAUTHORIZED DISTRIBUTION LOCATIONS WILL BE MET WITH EXTREME PREJUDICE.
YOU WILL ALL RECEIVE YOUR FOOD RATIONS...


"...BUT NOT UNTIL THE FOOD HAS BEEN DISTRIBUTED ACCORDING TO HYDRA'S PRIORITY PROTOCOLS."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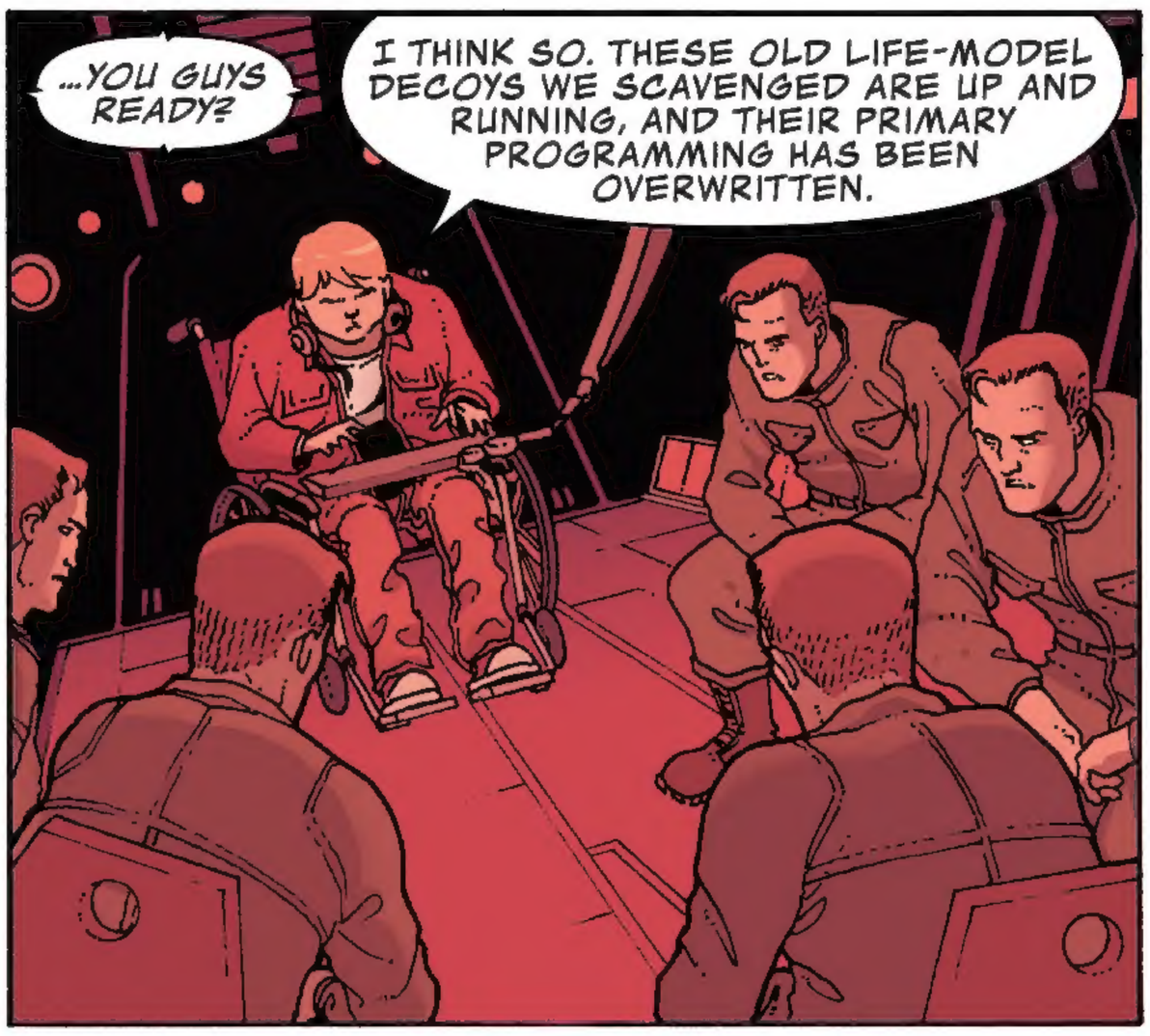
HERE THEY COME...

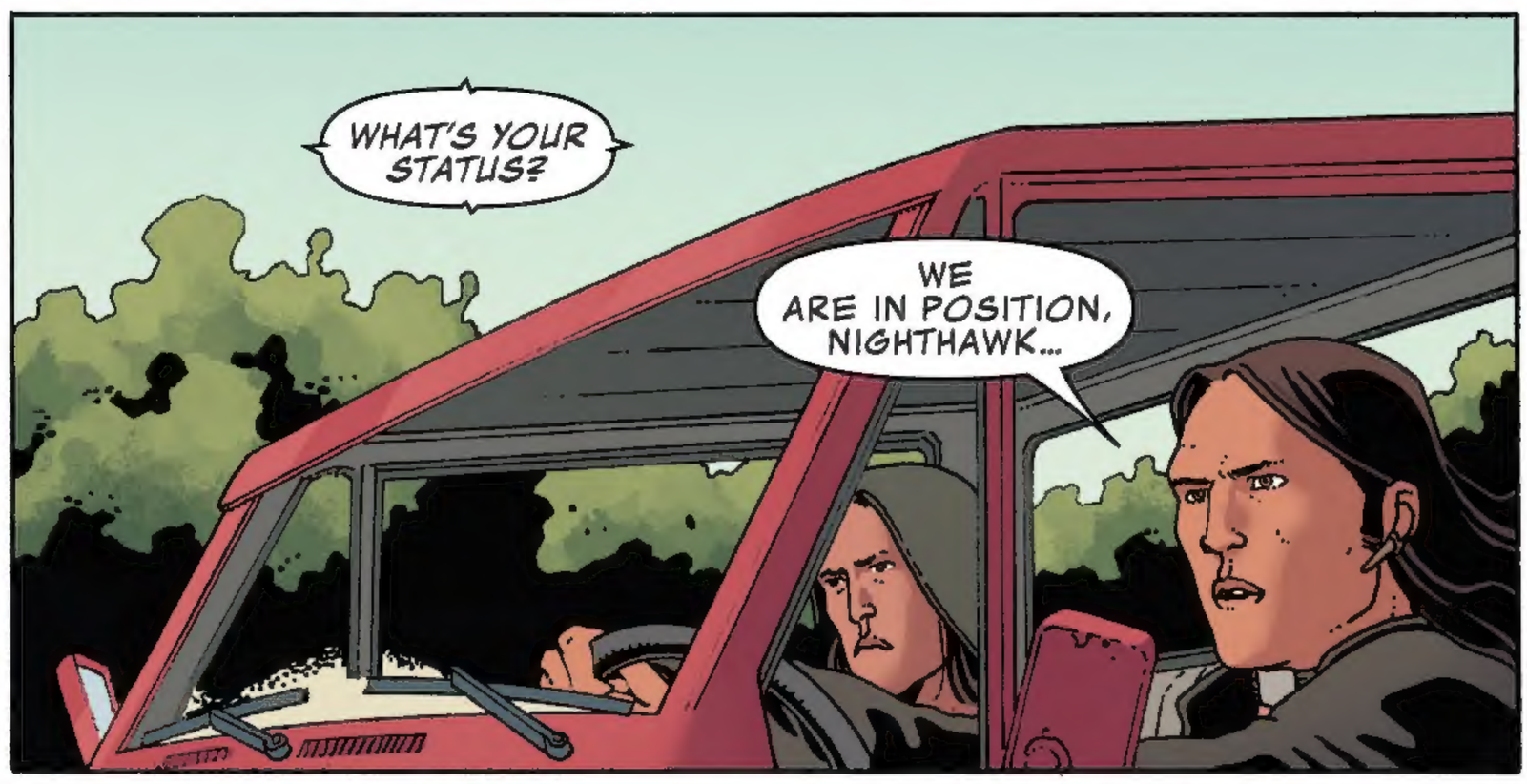
...LOOKS LIKE OUR INTEL WAS GOOD.

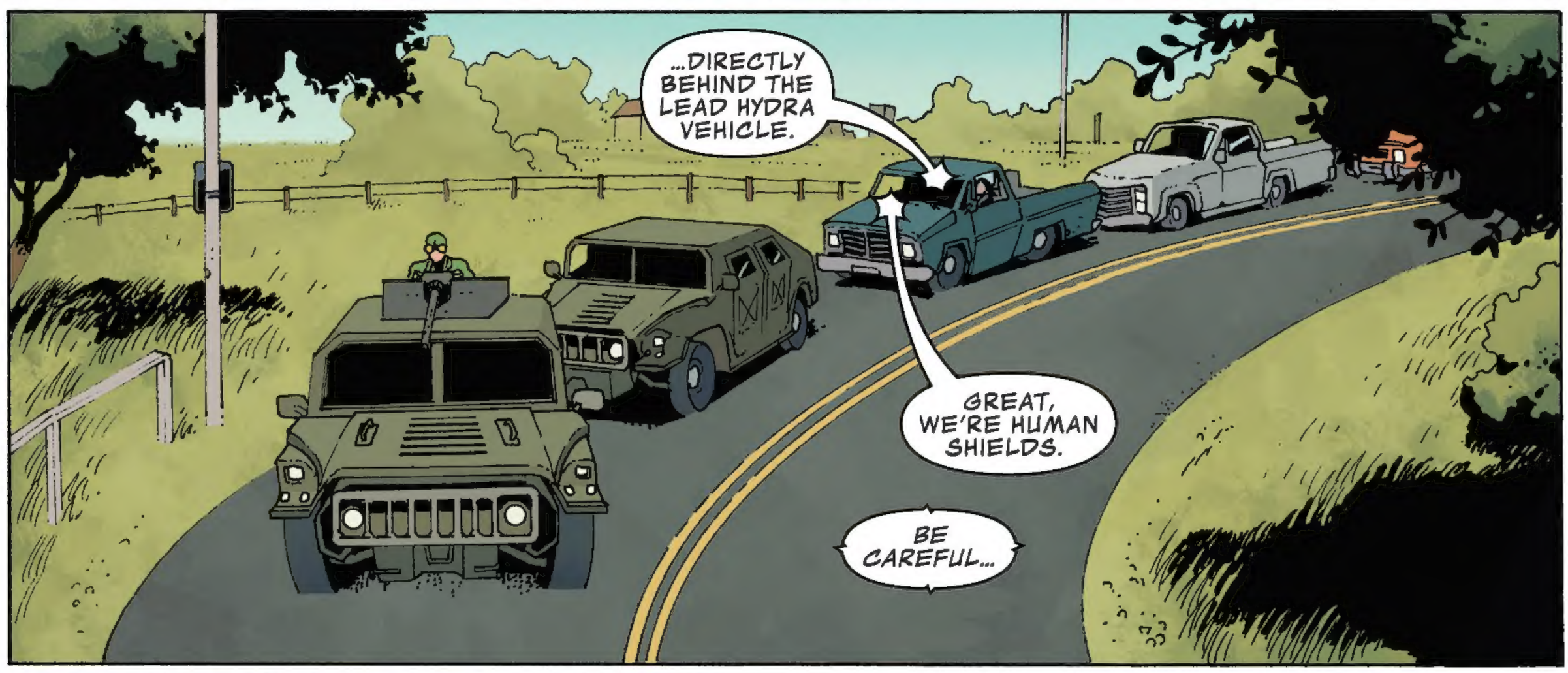
WE'VE GOT LESS THAN FIVE MINUTES UNTIL THEY GET HERE...


...YOU GUYS READY?
I THINK SO. THESE OLD LIFE-MODEL DECOYS WE SCAVENGED ARE UP AND RUNNING, AND THEIR PRIMARY PROGRAMMING HAS BEEN OVERWRITTEN.

TIME FOR YOU TO GET INTO POSITION, WHEELS. I'LL DEAL WITH THE ROBOTS.
THEY DON'T LIKE IT WHEN YOU CALL THEM ROBOTS, FRANK.

YOU KNOW THE PLAN. BE READY IN TWO MINUTES. LESS IF POSSIBLE.
WOLF, YOU READING ME?


WHAT'S YOUR STATUS?
WE ARE IN POSITION, NIGHTHAWK...


...DIRECTLY BEHIND THE LEAD HYDRA VEHICLE.
GREAT, WE'RE HUMAN SHIELDS.
BE CAREFUL...

...I NEED YOU BOTH.
THE ROBOTS OF FURY ARE READY.
THEY DON'T LIKE BEING CALLED ROBOTS.

LOOK OUT!
SCREEECH
LET'S MAKE THIS QUICK AND PAINFUL!
OH, BOY...
MOVE!
BUDDA BUDDA BUDDA
...IS THIS GREAT!
WHAT IN TARNATION?!
HAIL HYDRA, YOU %$#&!

TAKE OVER THE COUNTRY?!
NOT ON MY WATCH!
NIGHTHAWK...

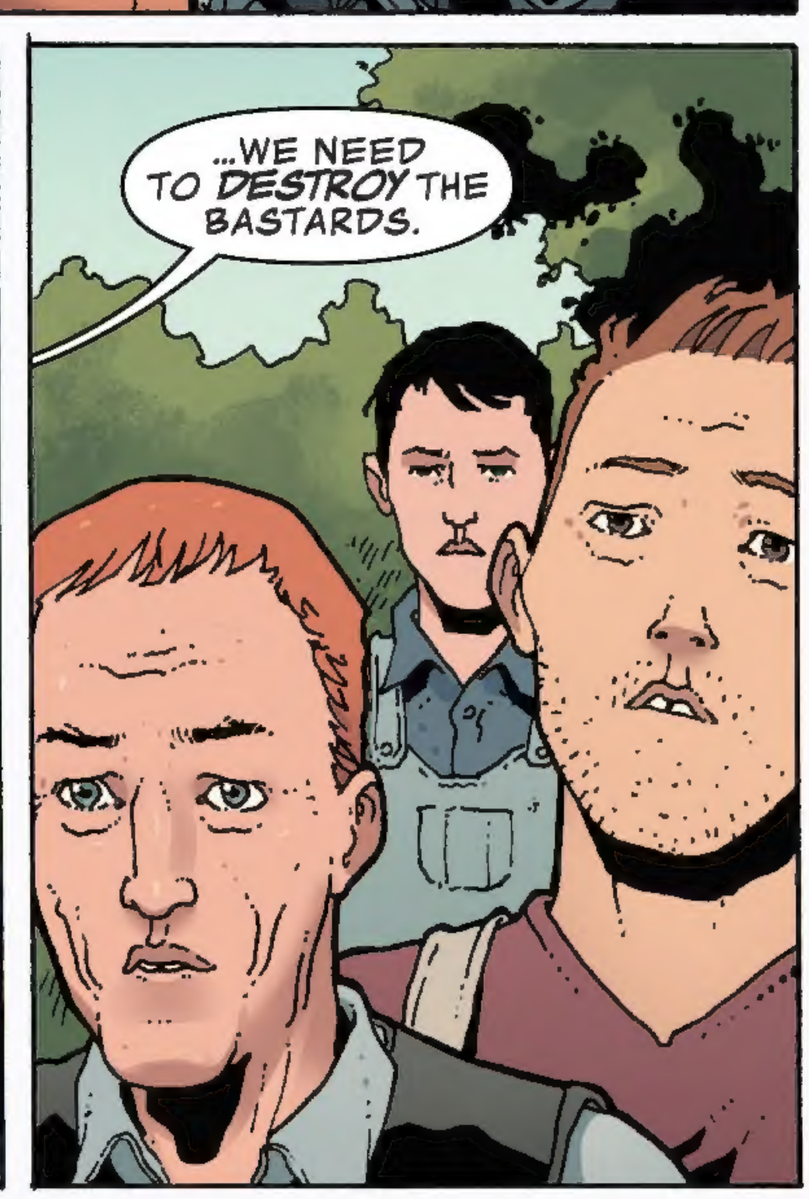
...THAT IS ENOUGH!
DON'T TELL ME WHAT'S ENOUGH, WOLF!

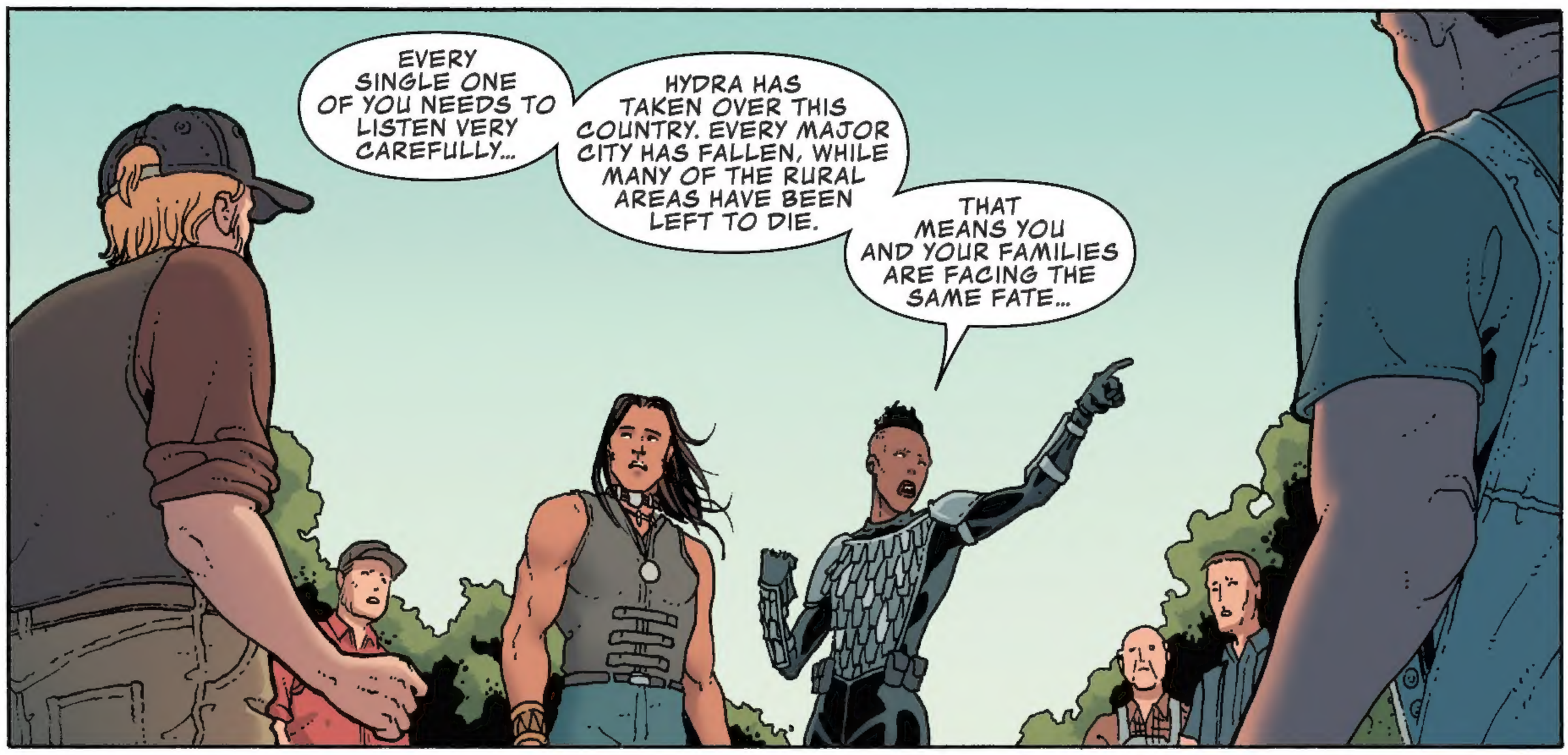
STOP. PLEASE.
WE LEAVE THESE SCUM ALIVE, THEY REPORT BACK TO THEIR HYDRA GRAND POO-BAHS AND WE'RE AS GOOD AS DEAD.
THIS IS WAR!
OR HAVE YOU NOT BEEN PAYING ATTENTION?!

DO NOT DO THIS TO YOURSELF. DO NOT LET YOUR RAGE--YOUR NEED FOR VENGEANCE--CONSUME YOU.
YOU HAVE LOST SO MUCH ALREADY.

I KNOW WHAT I LOST, WOLF.
THE MAN WHO SAVED MY LIFE--GAVE ME A REAL PURPOSE--HE'S DEAD.
HE DIED OUT OF COSTUME--GUNNED DOWN BY HYDRA, NOT FOR BEING NIGHTHAWK, BUT FOR SIMPLY BEING A BLACK MAN.

HYDRA HAS TO BE STOPPED, AND BY "STOPPED," I DON'T MEAN BONES BROKEN AND TOSSED IN PRISON--ANYONE CAN GET OVER THAT. I DID.
IF WE WANT TO STOP HYDRA...

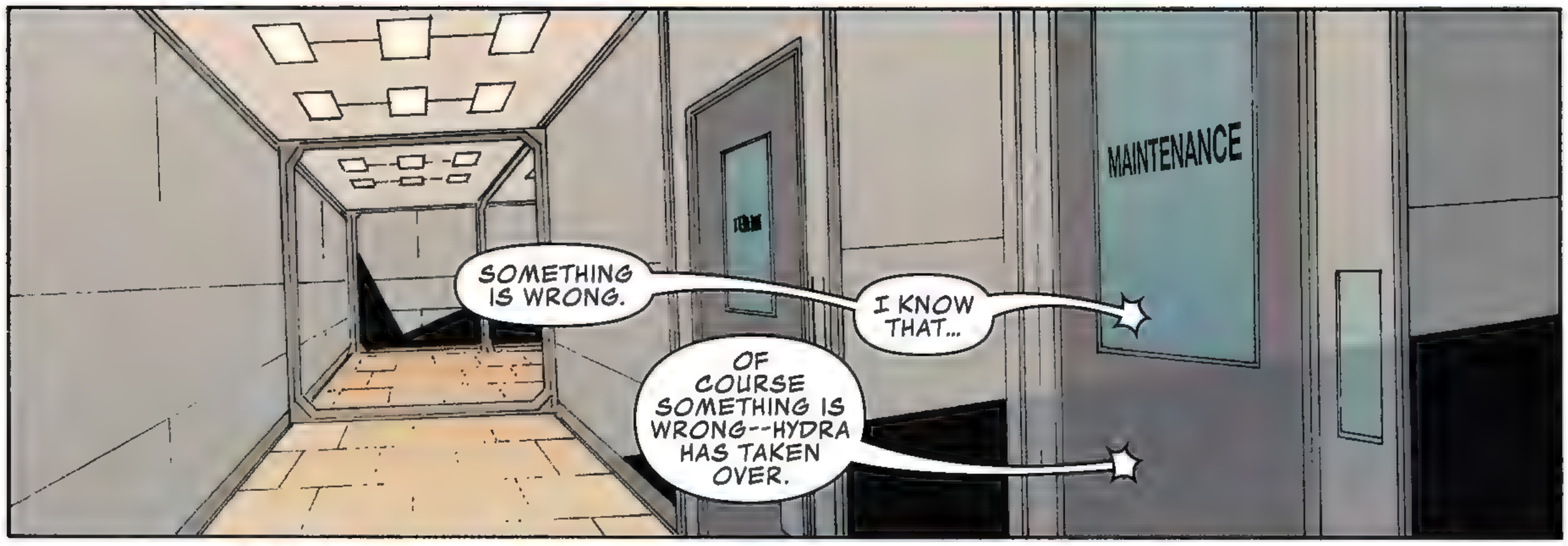

...WE NEED TO DESTROY THE BASTARDS.

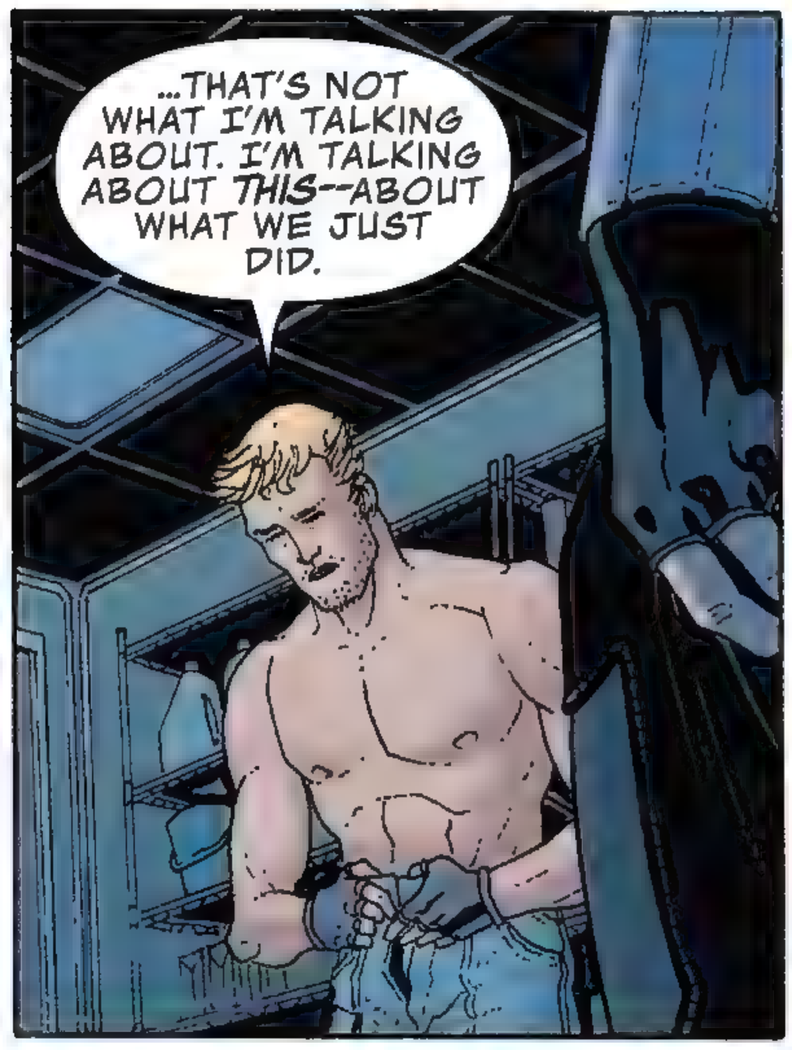

EVERY SINGLE ONE OF YOU NEEDS TO LISTEN VERY CAREFULLY...
HYDRA HAS TAKEN OVER THIS COUNTRY. EVERY MAJOR CITY HAS FALLEN, WHILE MANY OF THE RURAL AREAS HAVE BEEN LEFT TO DIE.
THAT MEANS YOU AND YOUR FAMILIES ARE FACING THE SAME FATE...

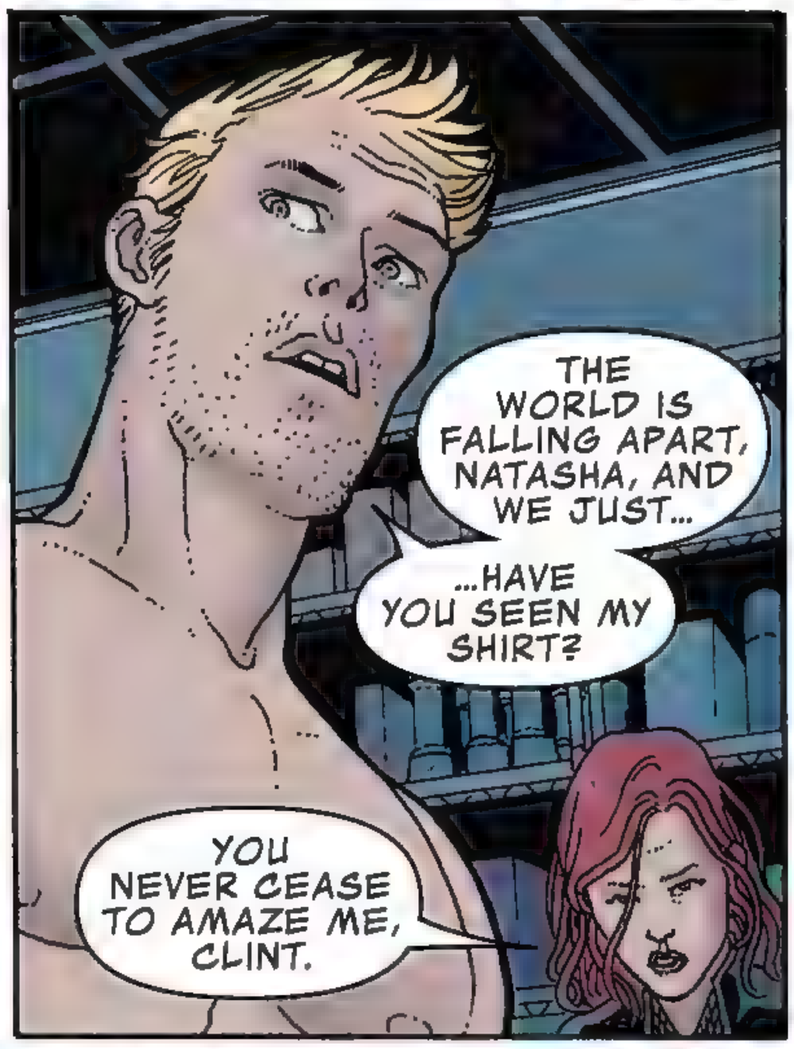
...DYING OF NEGLECT AND STARVATION BECAUSE YOU'RE NOT IMPORTANT ENOUGH TO BE A THREAT.
HOW MANY PEOPLE HAVE THEY LOCKED UP IN THEIR CAMPS, OR BOMBED OUT OF EXISTENCE? BUT THEY'VE LEFT ALL OF YOU. WHY?
BECAUSE THEY THINK YOU'RE NOT WORTH LOCKING UP OR KILLING.
I SAY THEY'RE WRONG. YOU ARE A THREAT.

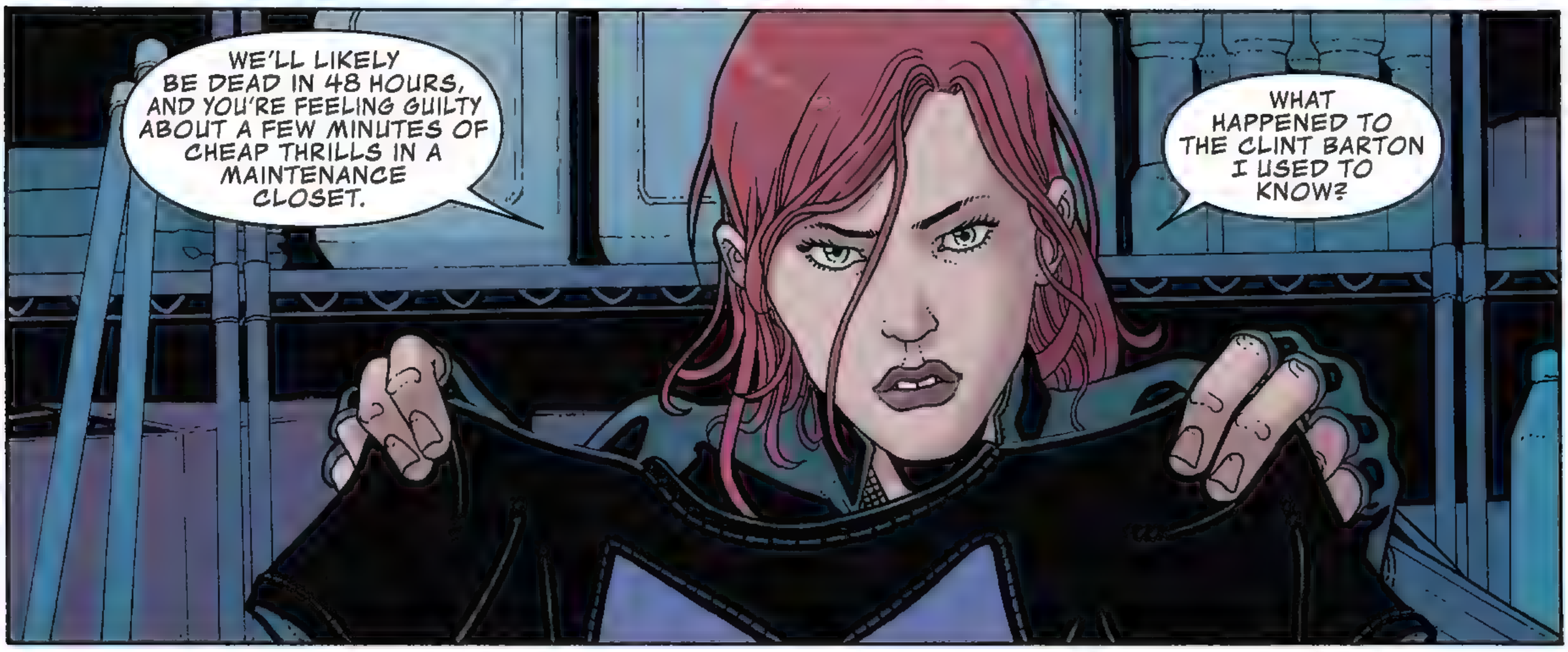
I'M GOING TO DESTROY HYDRA. END OF STORY.
WHO'S WITH ME?

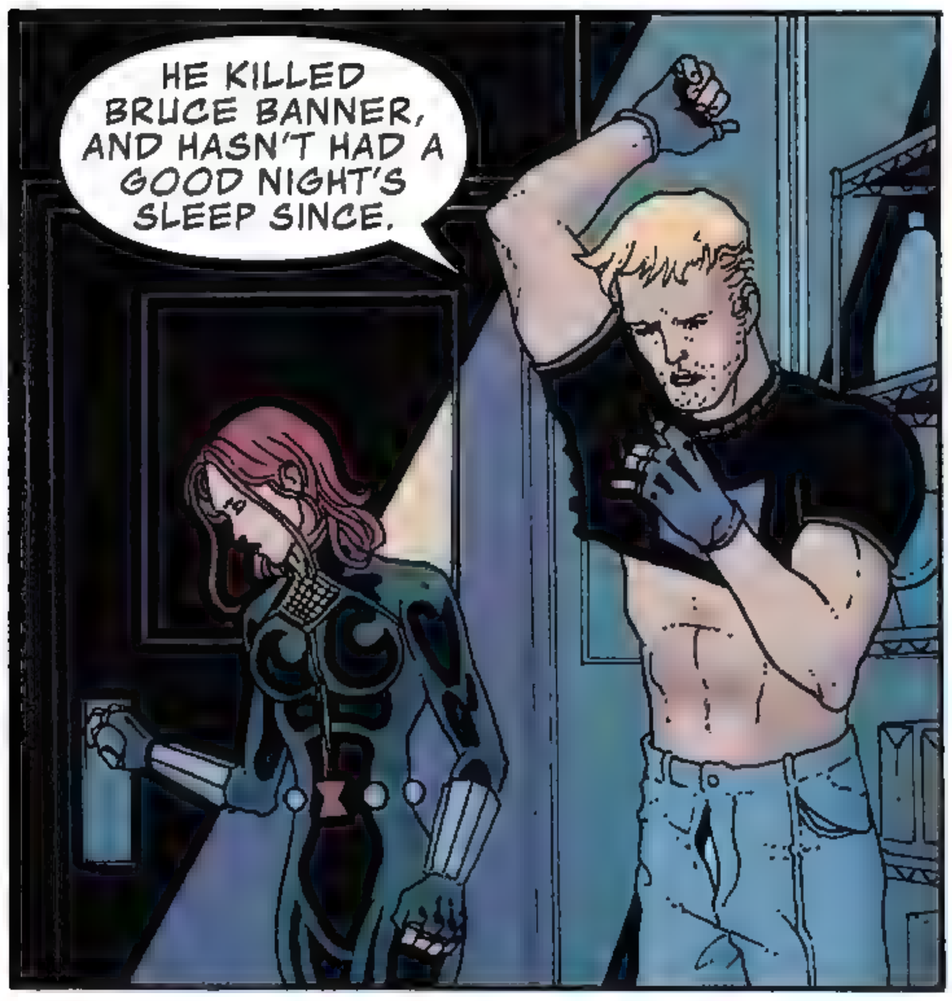
THE MOUNT.
SECRET HEADQUARTERS OF THE UNDERGROUND.

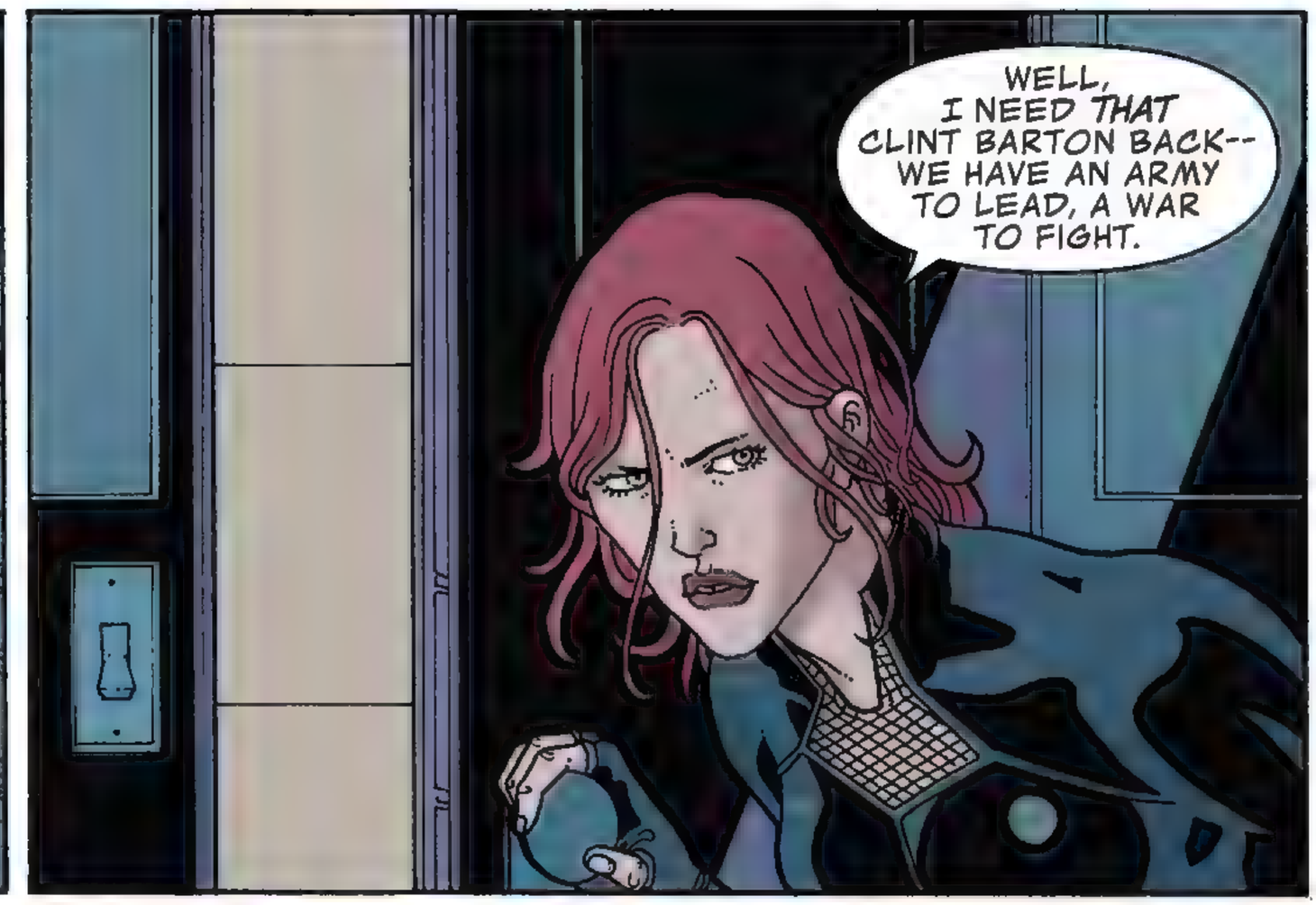


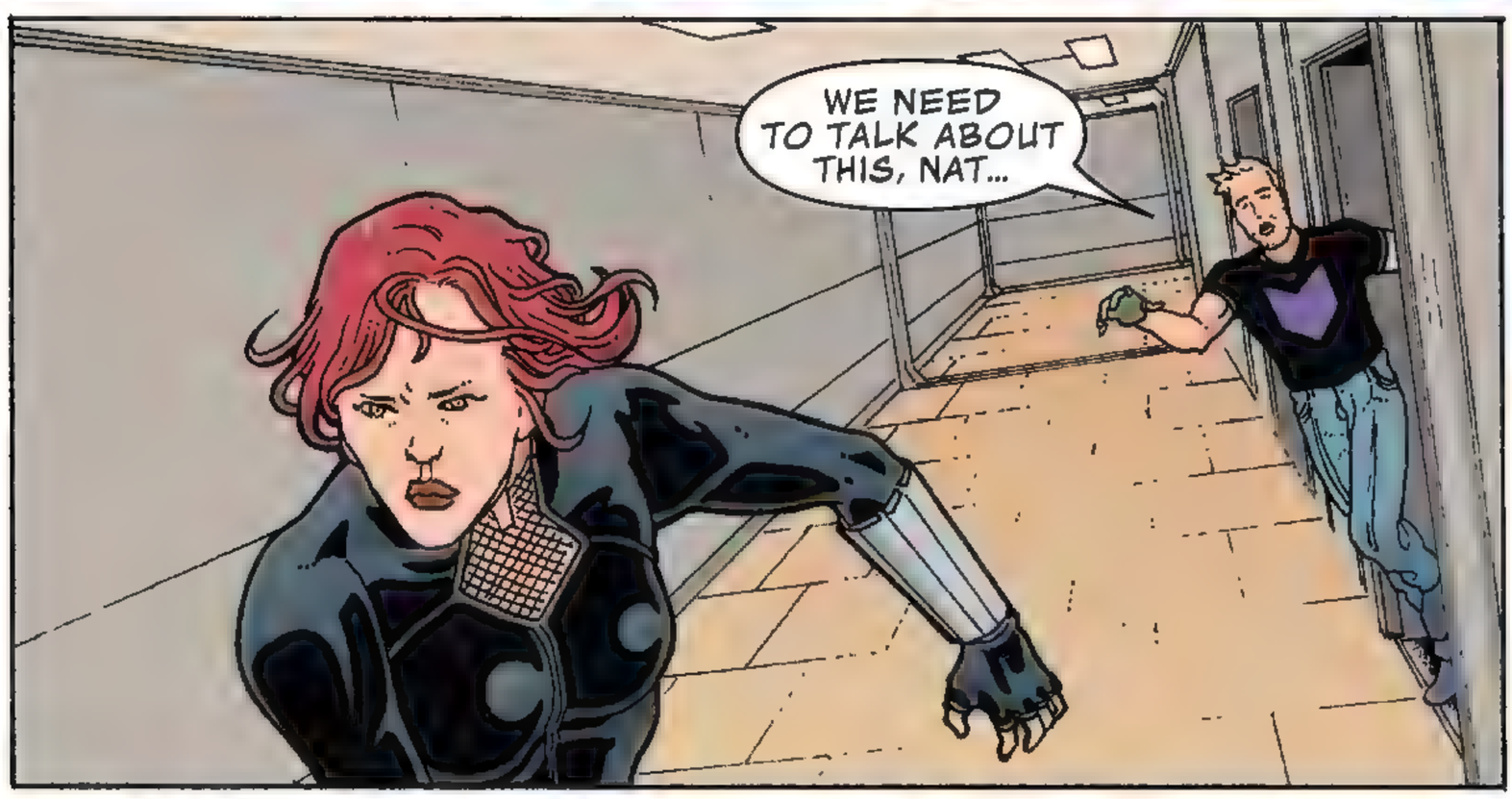






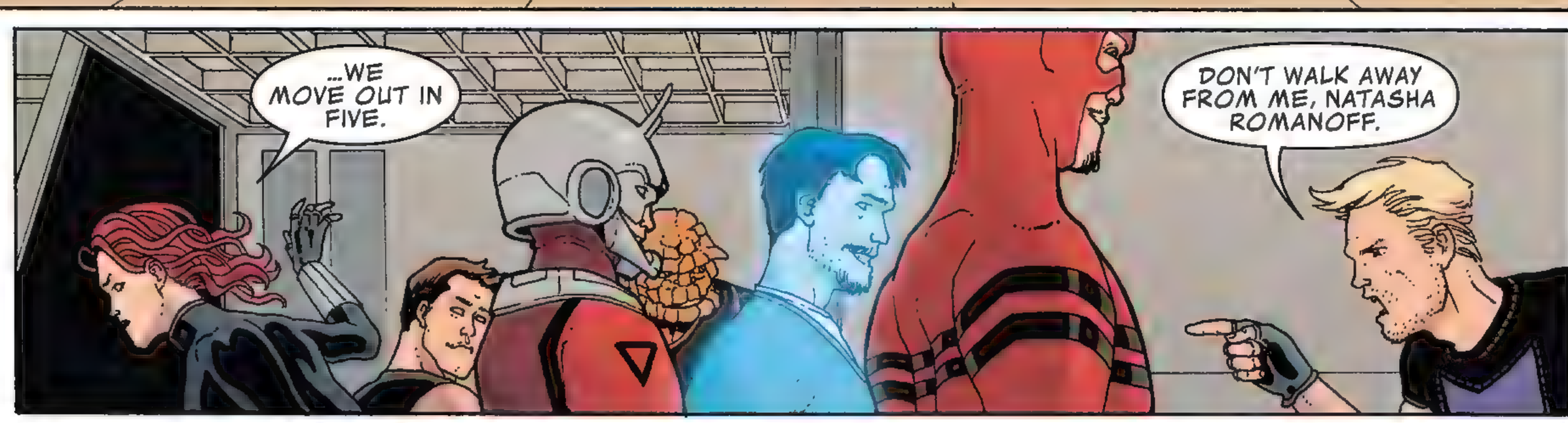

HE KILLED BRUCE BANNER, AND HASN'T HAD A GOOD NIGHT'S SLEEP SINCE.

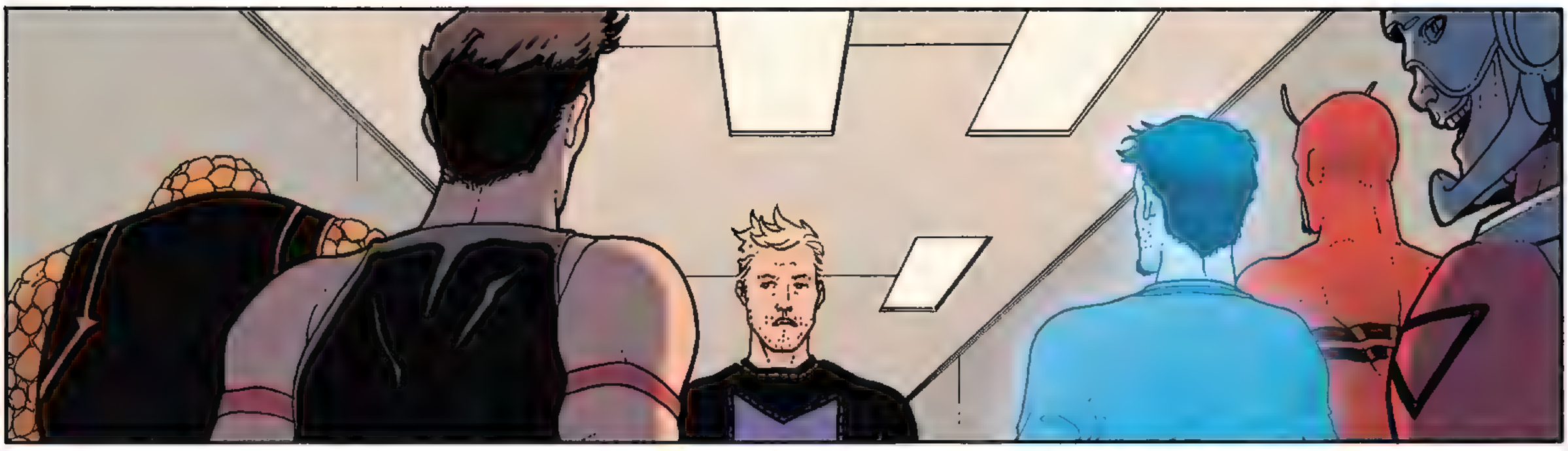

WELL, I NEED THAT CLINT BARTON BACK-- WE HAVE AN ARMY TO LEAD, A WAR TO FIGHT.

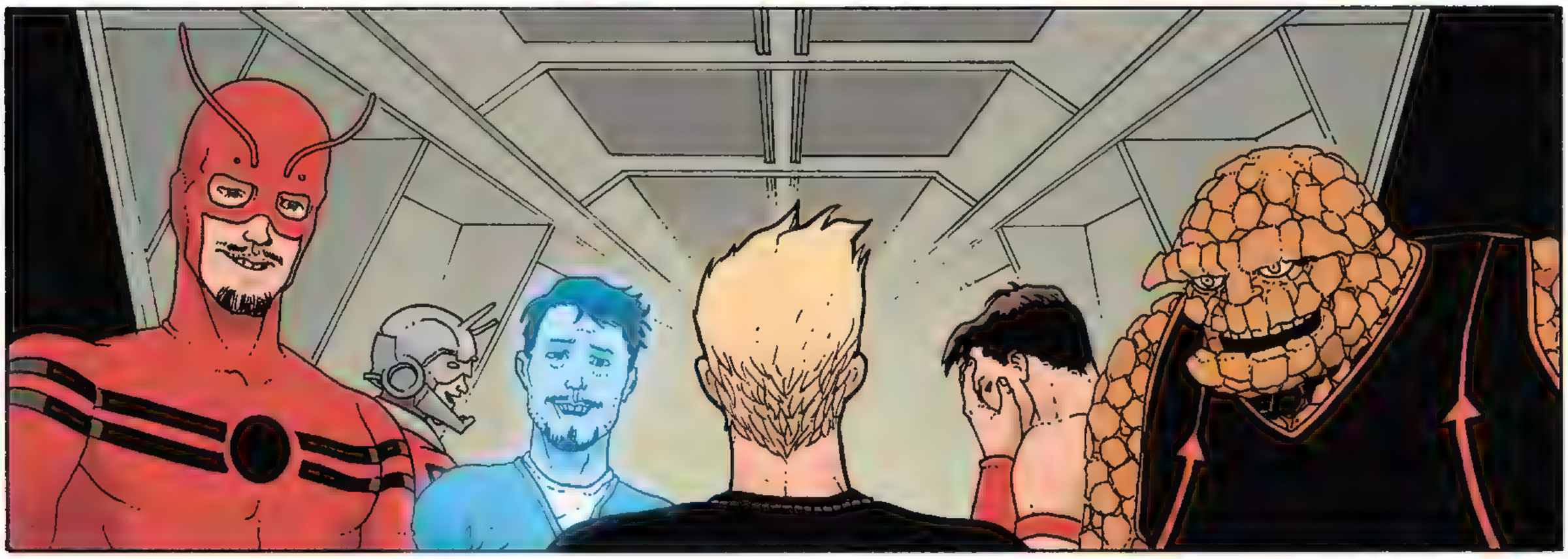

WE NEED TO TALK ABOUT THIS, NAT...

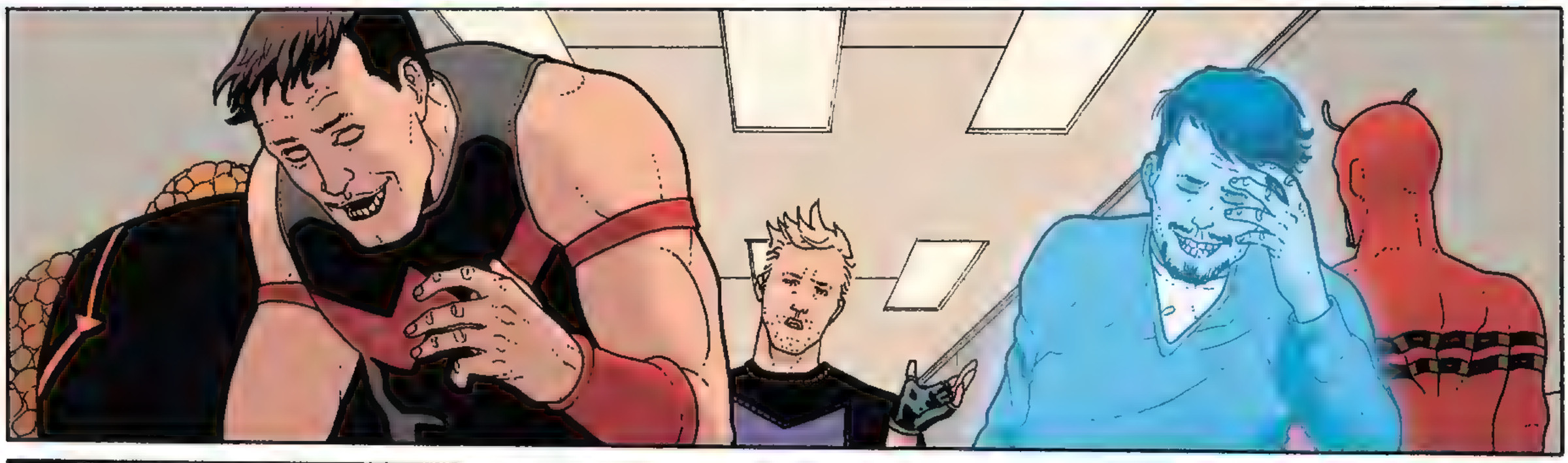
...UH...

THERE'S NOTHING MORE TO TALK ABOUT...


...WE MOVE OUT IN FIVE.
DON'T WALK AWAY FROM ME, NATASHA ROMANOFF.





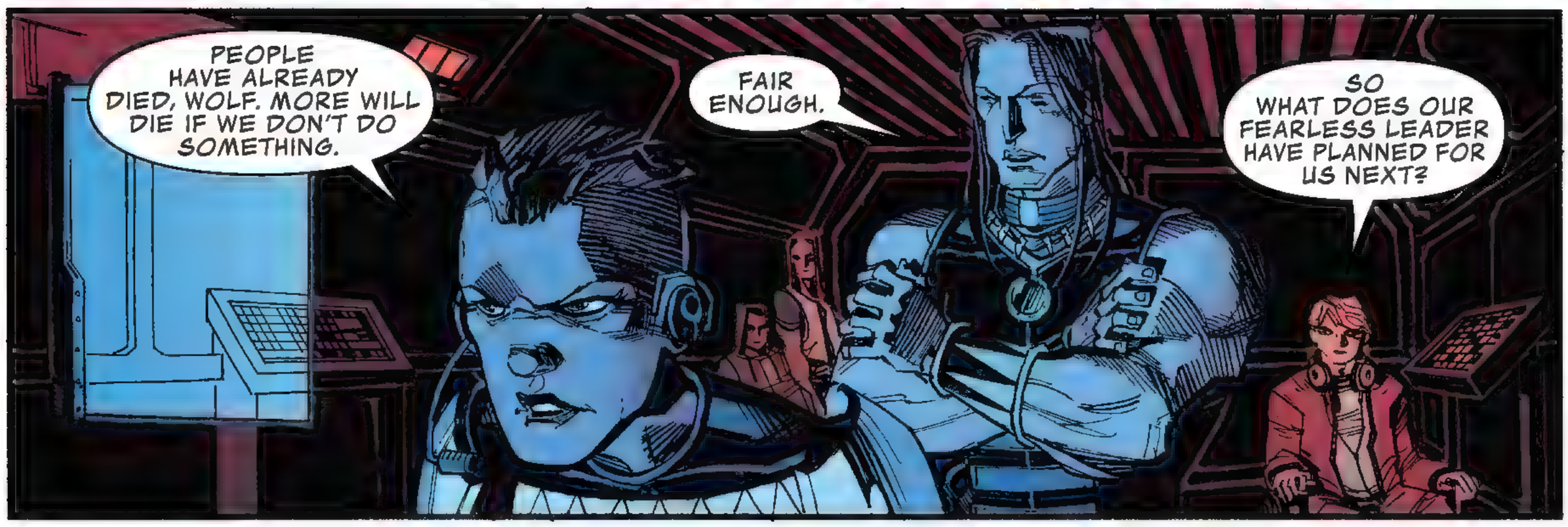


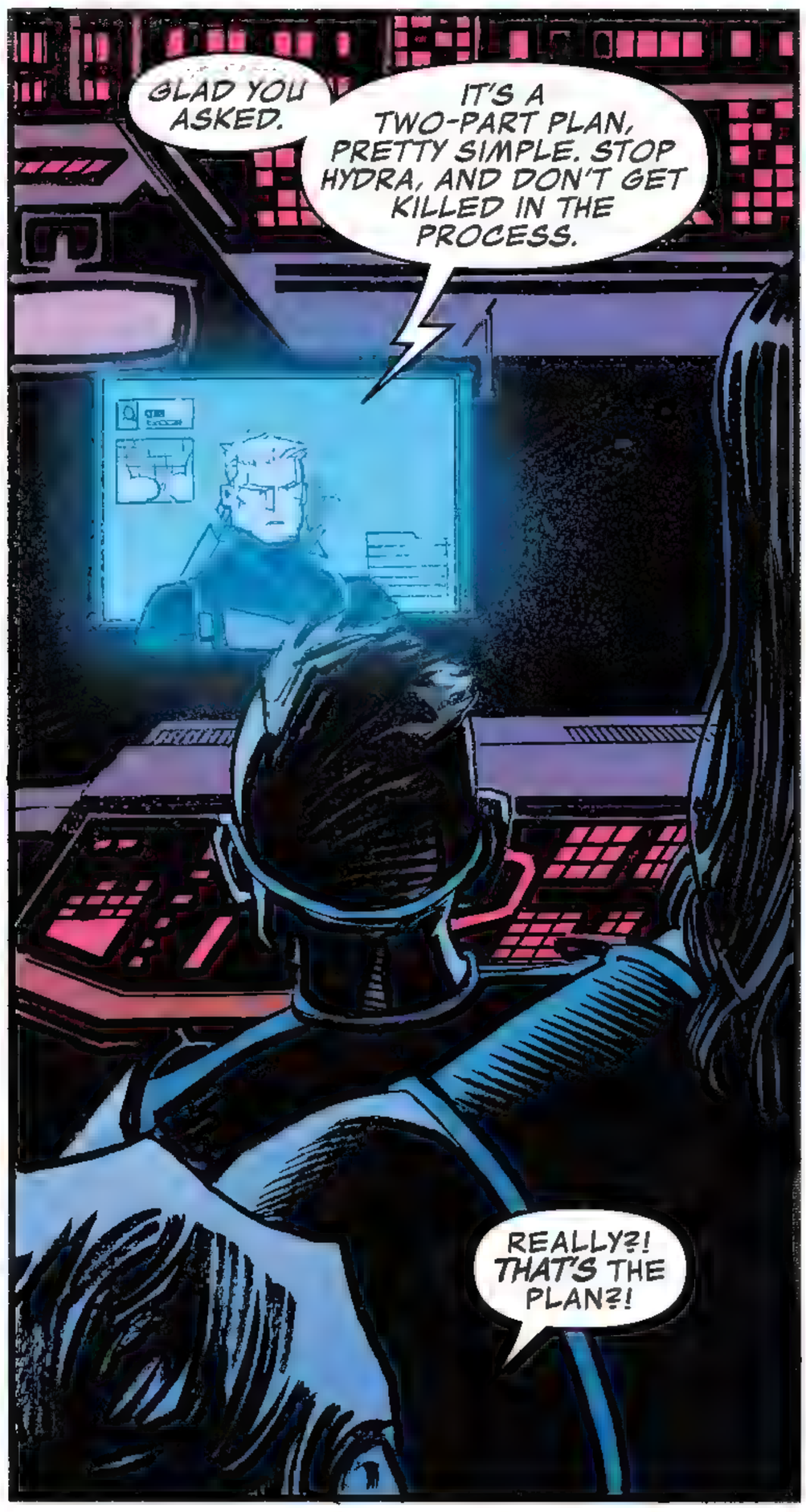
WHAT? WHAT'S SO DAMN AMUSING?
HEY, SHARPSHOOTER...

...YOU LEFT THE BARN DOOR OPEN.
...
THANKS.

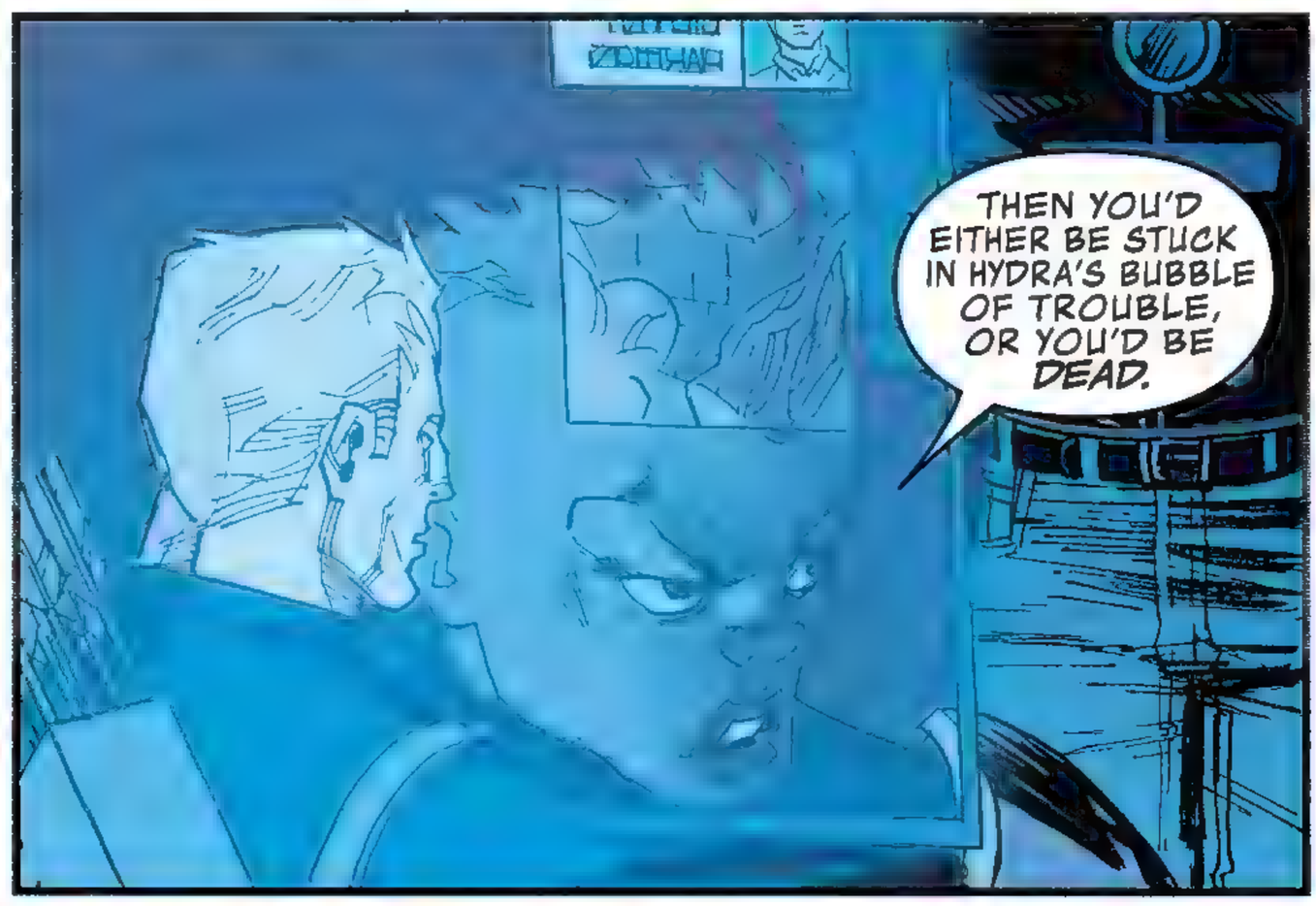
GOTTA ADMIT, I WAS SKEPTICAL, TILDA. BUT THE PLAN WORKED. NOW WHAT?

THIS RAID WAS JUST THE BEGINNING...

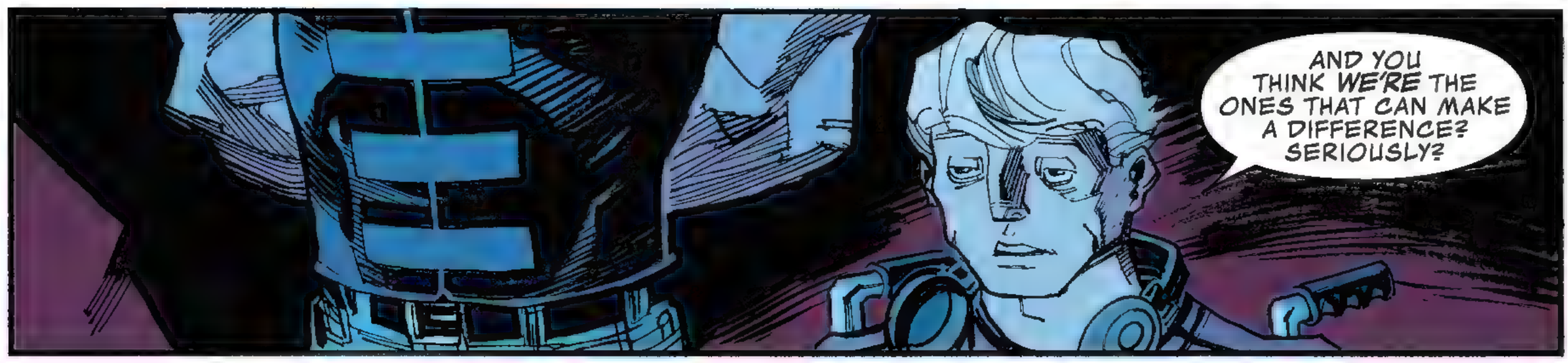



GLAD YOU ASKED.
IT'S A TWO-PART PLAN, PRETTY SIMPLE. STOP HYDRA, AND DON'T GET KILLED IN THE PROCESS.
REALLY?! THAT'S THE PLAN?!

THAT IS THE WORST PLAN I'VE EVER HEARD.
GIVEN THE SOURCE, WE CAN EXPECT NO BETTER.
I SHOULD'VE LEFT WHEN I COULD--GONE BACK TO NEW YORK.


THEN YOU'D EITHER BE STUCK IN HYDRA'S BUBBLE OF TROUBLE, OR YOU'D BE DEAD.

TILDA IS RIGHT--NEW YORK IS LOST TO US. SO IS THE REST OF THE COUNTRY, IF WE DON'T ACT QUICKLY.
LISTEN TO ME--HYDRA PLANNED THIS WELL. THEY PRETTY MUCH DEALT WITH ANYONE THAT POSED A REAL THREAT...
...THE AVENGERS, THE INHUMANS, THE X-MEN--ALL OF 'EM. THERE'S NOT ENOUGH OF US LEFT TO TAKE ON A FORCE THIS BIG.

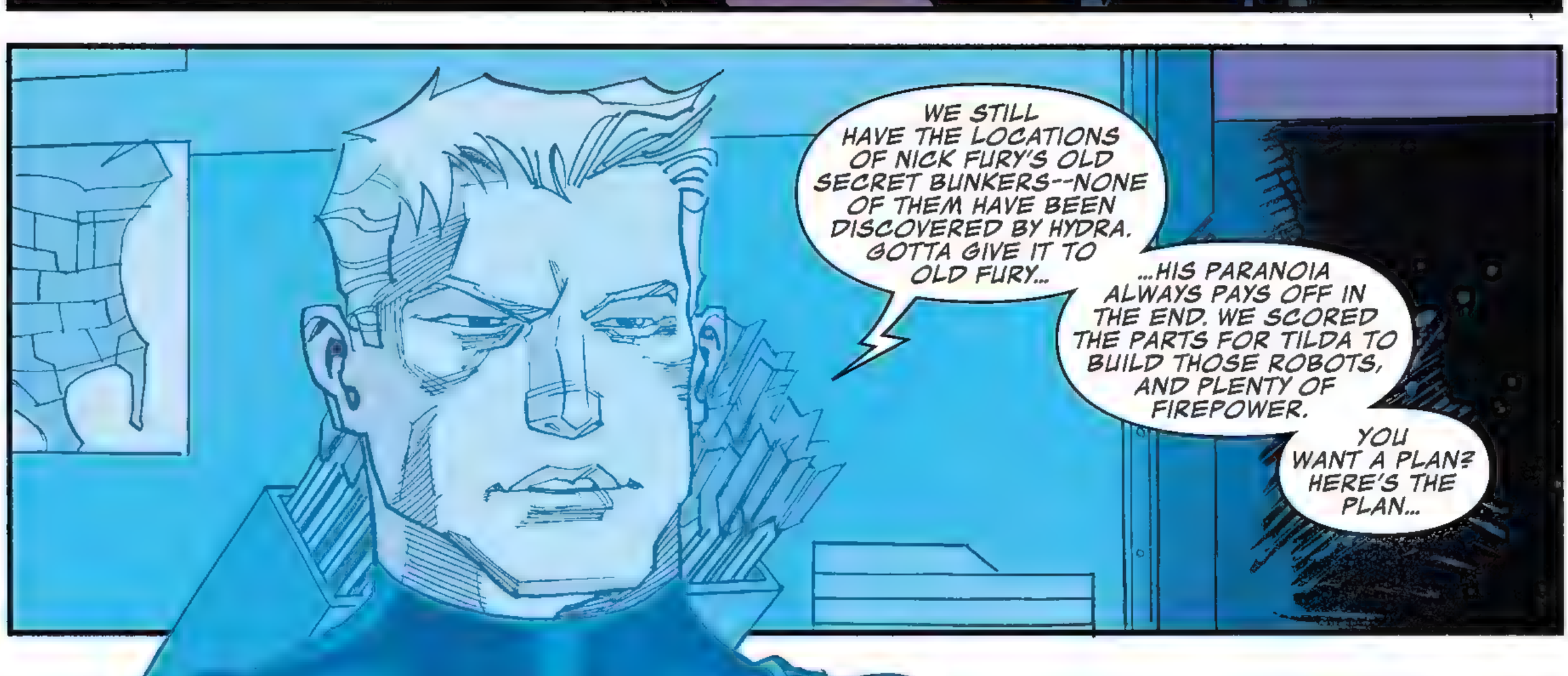

AND YOU THINK WE'RE THE ONES THAT CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE? SERIOUSLY?

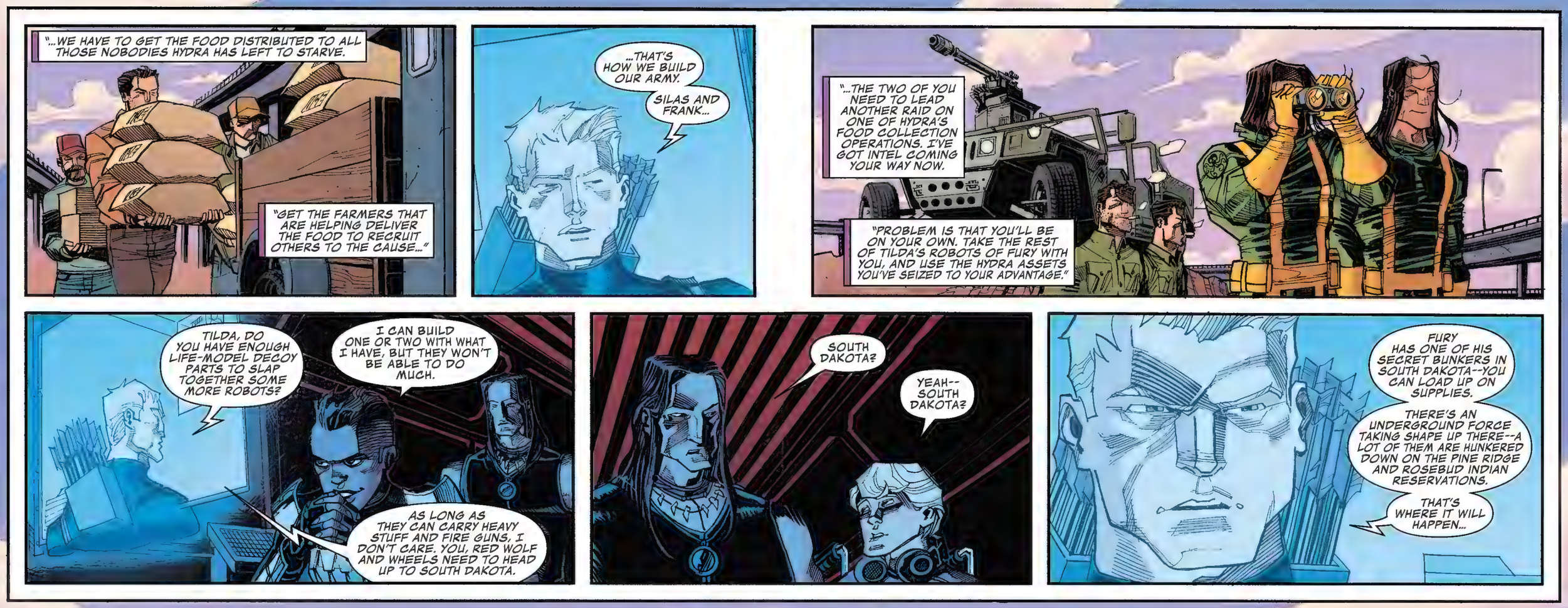
I CAN'T SPEAK FOR ANYONE BUT ME AND FRANK--WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE.
YEAH. WE'VE BEEN SMUGGLING FOOD SINCE THIS THING STARTED.
BESIDES, HYDRA CAN'T DO ANYTHING WORSE TO US THAN WHAT'S ALREADY BEEN DONE. YOU EVER HEAR OF WOUNDED KNEE?

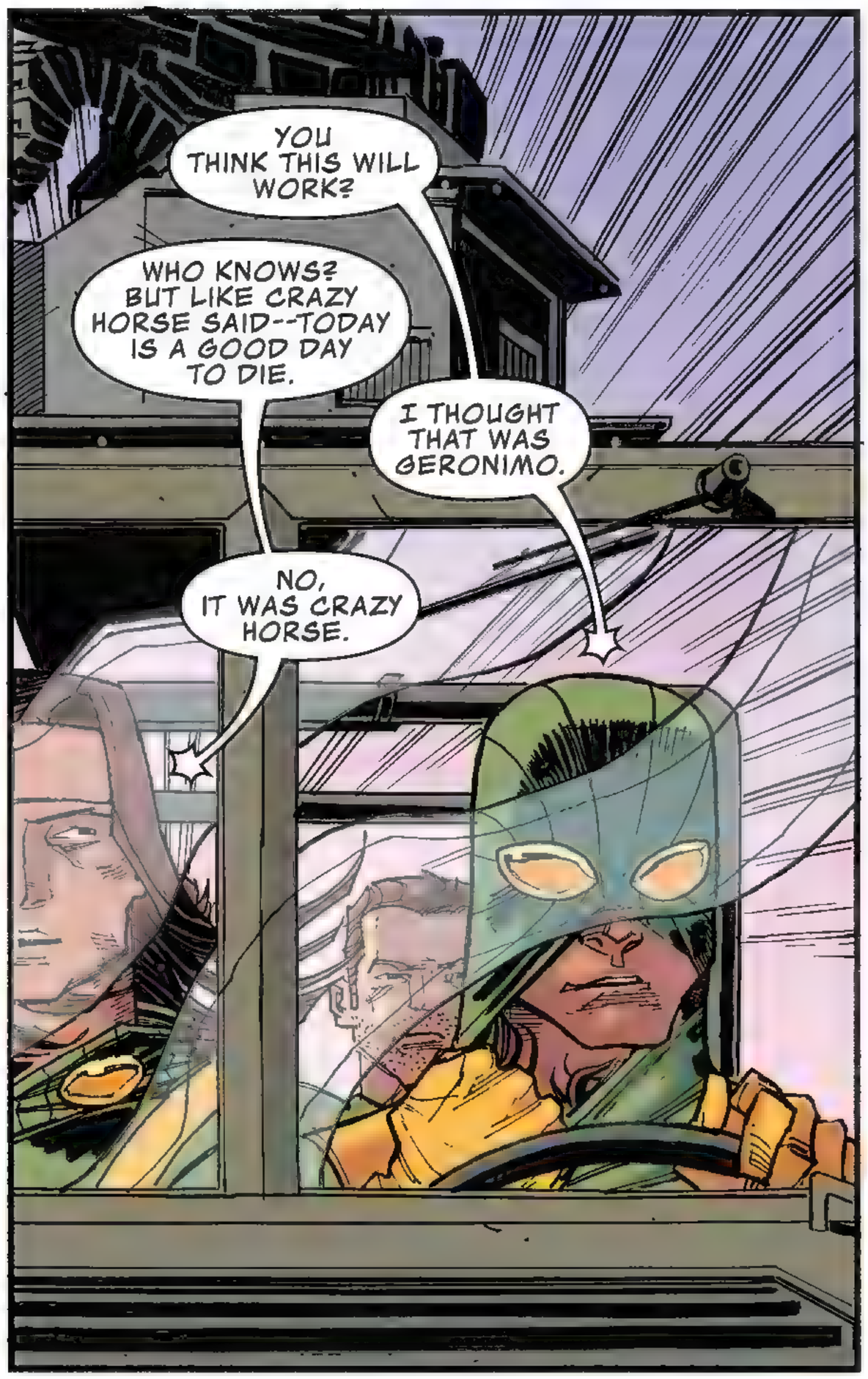
I WANT TO DO SOMETHING TO STOP THIS AS MUCH AS EVERYONE ELSE. BUT THIS IS HYDRA WE'RE TALKING ABOUT.
LIKE CLINT SAID, THEY'VE TAKEN OUT JUST ABOUT EVERYBODY WHO IS SOMEBODY.
YOU REALLY THINK WE CAN GO UP AGAINST HYDRA? WE'RE NOBODIES.
WHEELS...

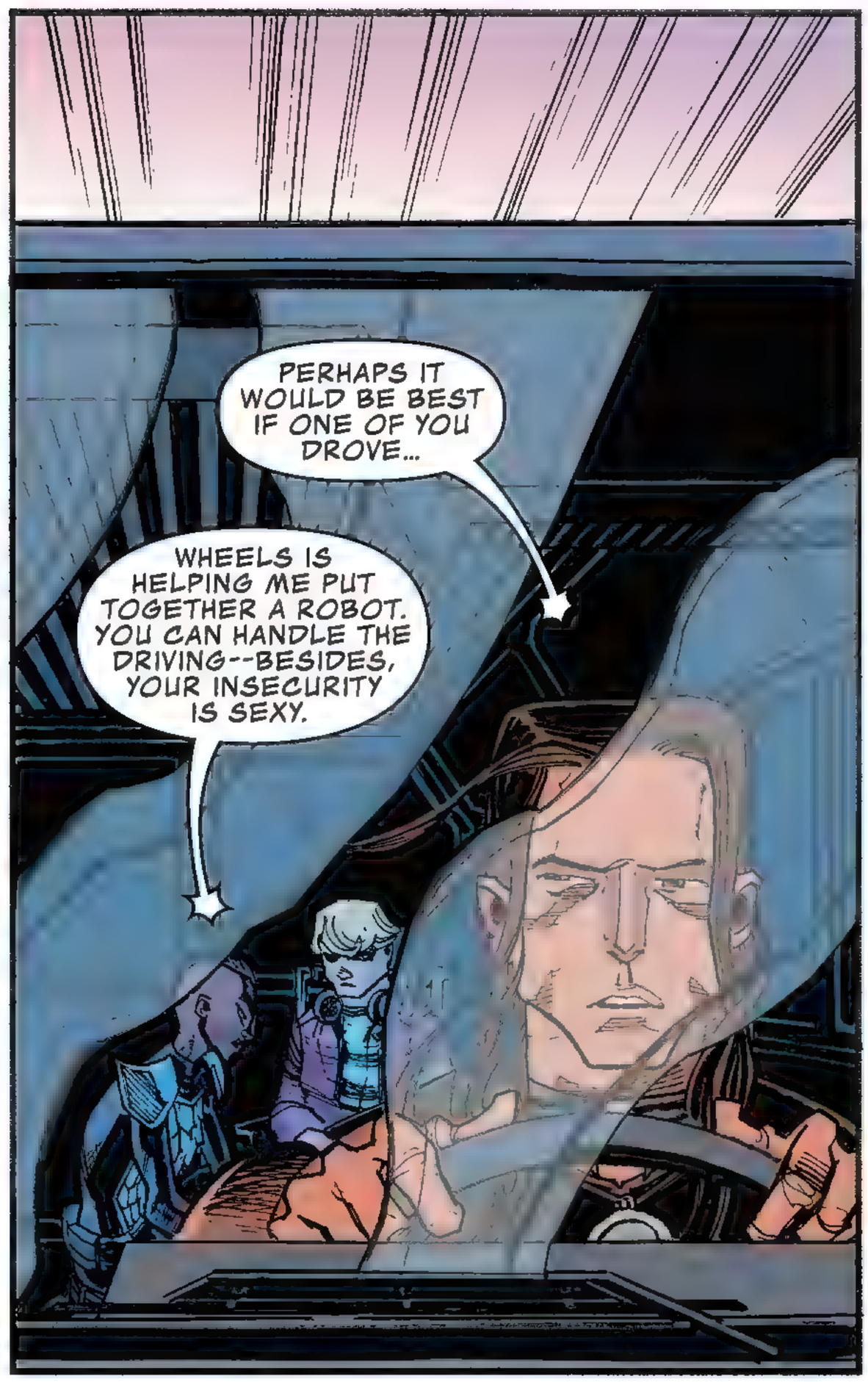
...YOU ARE NOT A NOBODY.
NO, WHEELS IS RIGHT...

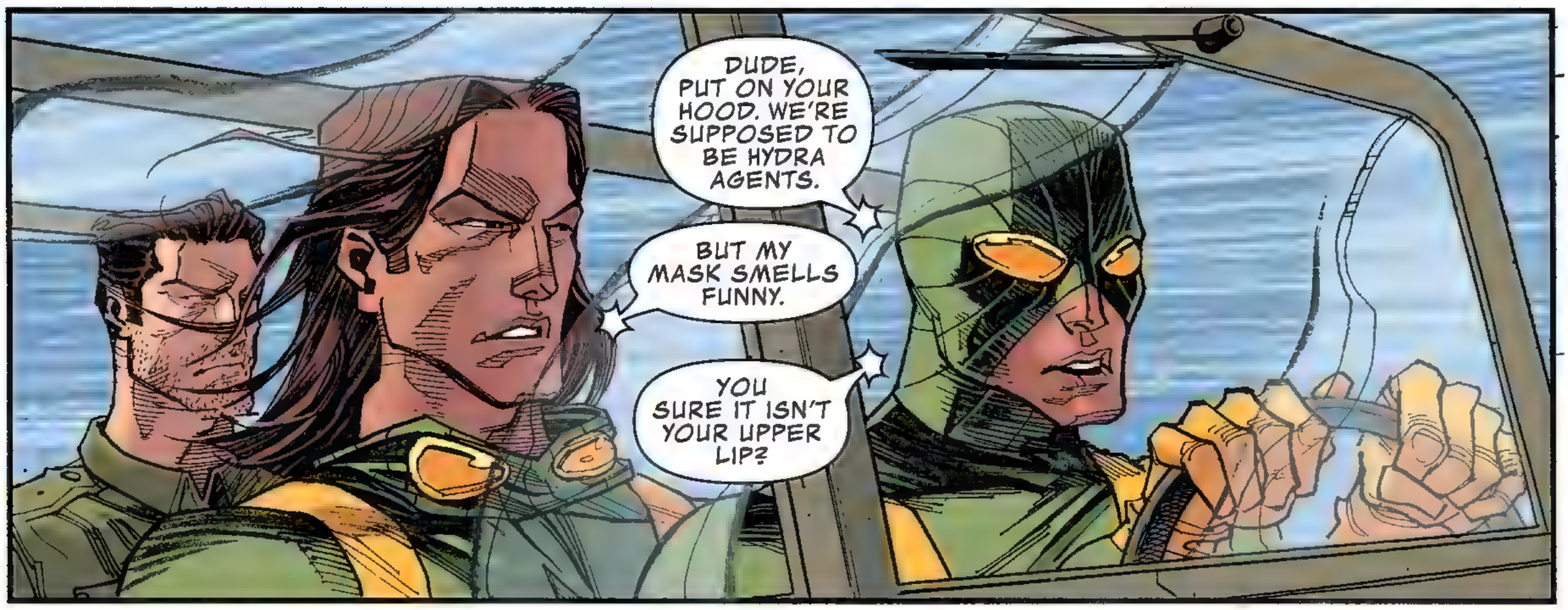
...WE'RE ALL NOBODIES--AT LEAST AS FAR AS HYDRA IS CONCERNED.
HERE'S THE THING--HYDRA PLANNED THIS WELL, BUT THEY DIDN'T PLAN IT SMART. THIS IS WHY THE BAD GUYS LOSE SO OFTEN.
IT'S WHY I SPENT MORE THAN HALF MY LIFE LICKING MY WOUNDS, ON THE RUN, OR IN PRISON.
NOW THAT I'M PLAYING FOR THE OTHER TEAM, I SEE WHAT I WAS DOING WRONG.

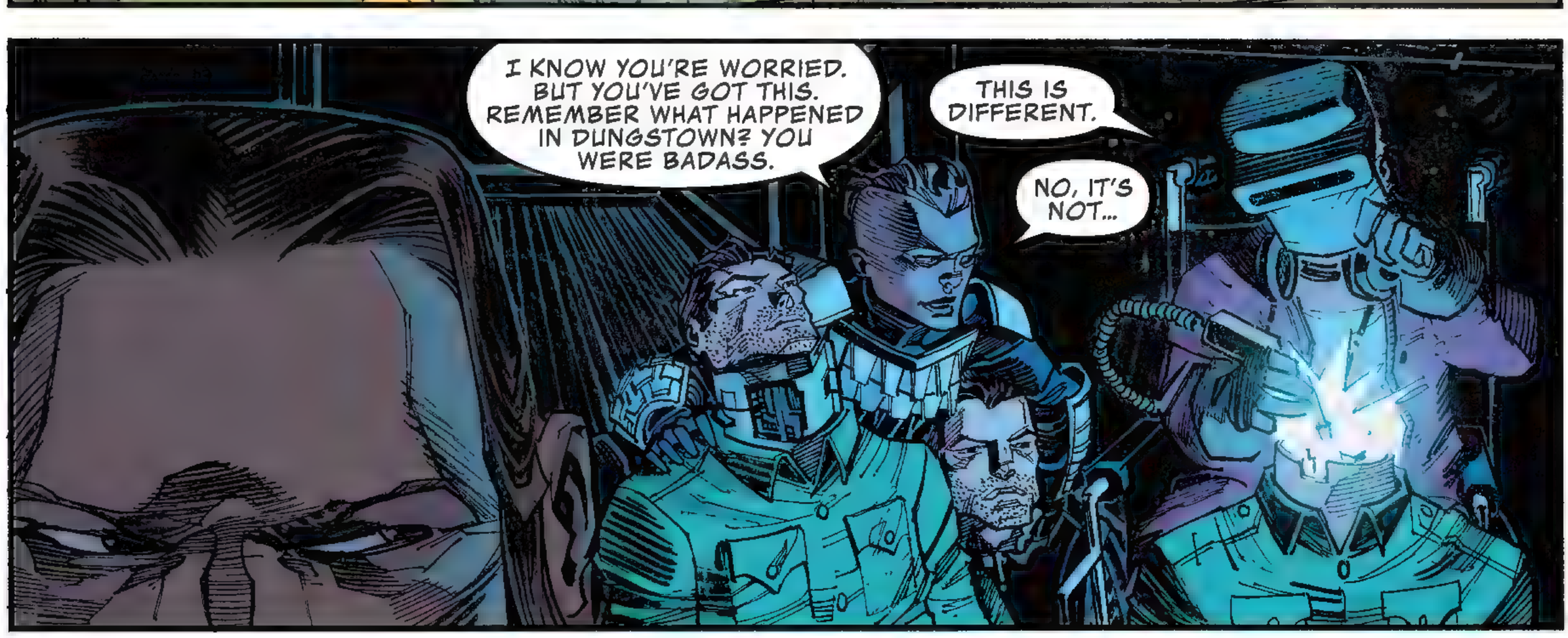

WE STILL HAVE THE LOCATIONS OF NICK FURY'S OLD SECRET BUNKERS--NONE OF THEM HAVE BEEN DISCOVERED BY HYDRA. GOTTA GIVE IT TO OLD FURY...
...HIS PARANOIA ALWAYS PAYS OFF IN THE END. WE SCORED THE PARTS FOR TILDA TO BUILD THOSE ROBOTS, AND PLENTY OF FIREPOWER.
YOU WANT A PLAN? HERE'S THE PLAN...


"...WE HAVE TO GET THE FOOD DISTRIBUTED TO ALL THOSE NOBODIES HYDRA HAS LEFT TO STARVE.
"GET THE FARMERS THAT ARE HELPING DELIVER THE FOOD TO RECRUIT OTHERS TO THE CAUSE..."
...THAT'S HOW WE BUILD OUR ARMY.
SILAS AND FRANK...
"...THE TWO OF YOU NEED TO LEAD ANOTHER RAID ON ONE OF HYDRA'S FOOD COLLECTION OPERATIONS. I'VE GOT INTEL COMING YOUR WAY NOW.
"PROBLEM IS THAT YOU'LL BE ON YOUR OWN. TAKE THE REST OF TILDA'S ROBOTS OF FURY WITH YOU, AND USE THE HYDRA ASSETS YOU'VE SEIZED TO YOUR ADVANTAGE."
TILDA, DO YOU HAVE ENOUGH LIFE-MODEL DECOY PARTS TO SLAP TOGETHER SOME MORE ROBOTS?
I CAN BUILD ONE OR TWO WITH WHAT I HAVE, BUT THEY WON'T BE ABLE TO DO MUCH.
AS LONG AS THEY CAN CARRY HEAVY STUFF AND FIRE GUNS, I DON'T CARE. YOU, RED WOLF AND WHEELS NEED TO HEAD UP TO SOUTH DAKOTA.
SOUTH DAKOTA?
YEAH-- SOUTH DAKOTA?
FURY HAS ONE OF HIS SECRET BUNKERS IN SOUTH DAKOTA--YOU CAN LOAD UP ON SUPPLIES.
THERE'S AN UNDERGROUND FORCE TAKING SHAPE UP THERE--A LOT OF THEM ARE HUNKERED DOWN ON THE PINE RIDGE AND ROSEBUD INDIAN RESERVATIONS.
THAT'S WHERE IT WILL HAPPEN...
"...WE MOBILIZE OUR ARMY OF NOBODIES IN SOUTH DAKOTA, AND THEN IT IS UP TO YOU GUYS, BECAUSE...I GOTTA BE HONEST...I'LL PROBABLY BE DEAD IN THE NEXT DAY OR TWO.
"GOOD LUCK. GIVE 'EM HELL."
BE CAREFUL.
SEE YOU IN SOUTH DAKOTA.


YOU THINK THIS WILL WORK?
WHO KNOWS? BUT LIKE CRAZY HORSE SAID--TODAY IS A GOOD DAY TO DIE.
I THOUGHT THAT WAS GERONIMO.
NO, IT WAS CRAZY HORSE.


PERHAPS IT WOULD BE BEST IF ONE OF YOU DROVE...
WHEELS IS HELPING ME PUT TOGETHER A ROBOT. YOU CAN HANDLE THE DRIVING--BESIDES, YOUR INSECURITY IS SEXY.

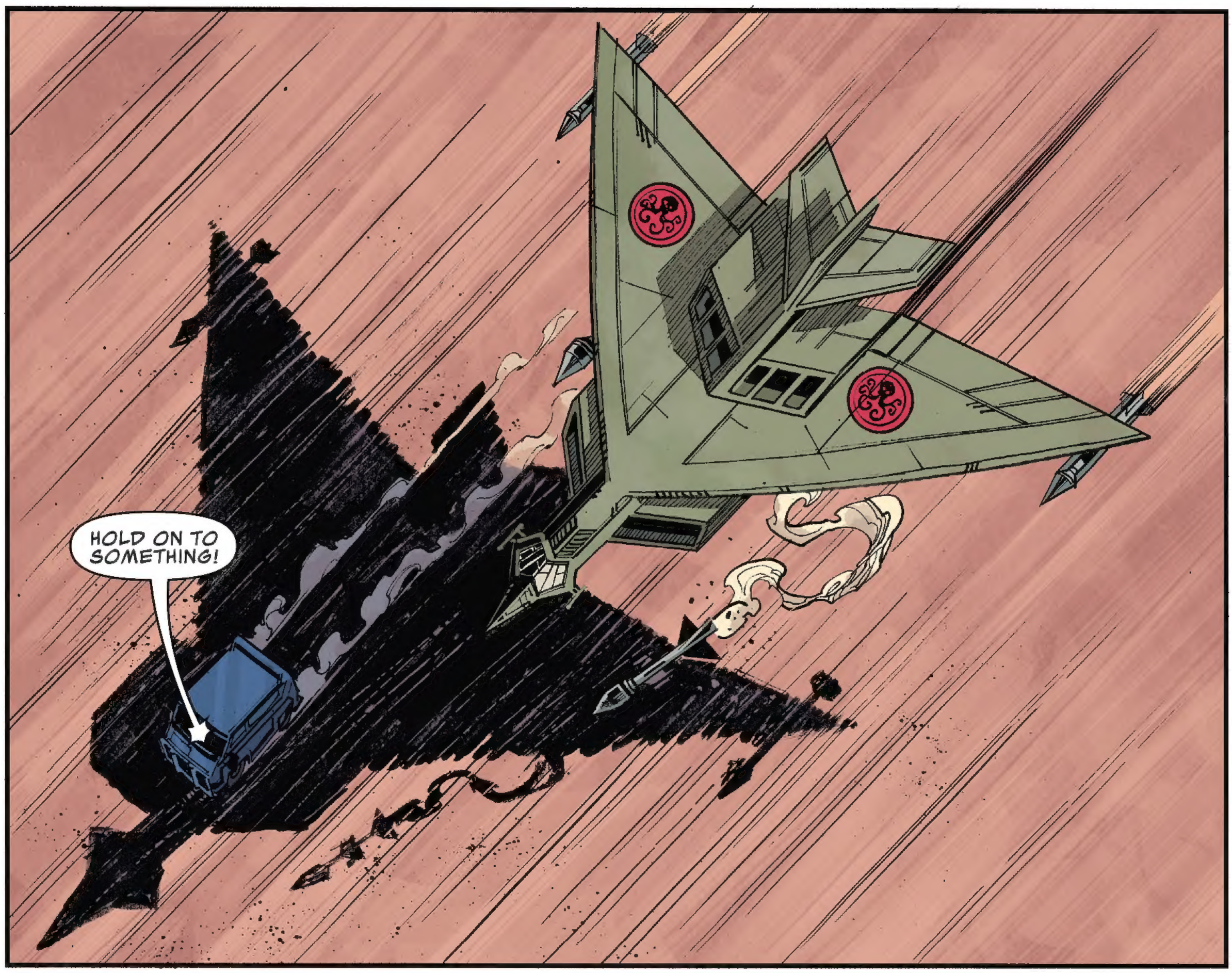

DUDE, PUT ON YOUR HOOD. WE'RE SUPPOSED TO BE HYDRA AGENTS.
BUT MY MASK SMELLS FUNNY.
YOU SURE IT ISN'T YOUR UPPER LIP?


I KNOW YOU'RE WORRIED. BUT YOU'VE GOT THIS. REMEMBER WHAT HAPPENED IN DUNGSTOWN? YOU WERE BADASS.
THIS IS DIFFERENT.
NO, IT'S NOT...

...THAT WAS BAD GUYS TERRORIZING INNOCENT PEOPLE. THIS IS THE SAME THING, ONLY...YOU KNOW... ON A LARGER SCALE.
PBEEEPBEEEPB
EPBEEEPBEEEP

BEEEPBEEEPBEEEEDEEEP
EPBEEEPBEEEPBEE
WHAT THE HELL...?!
WARNING: MULTIPLE VEHICLES APPROACHING. SENSORS READING HEAVY ARMS. SPEED AND TRAJECTORY INDICATE HOSTILE INTENTIONS.

WE HAVE TROUBLE!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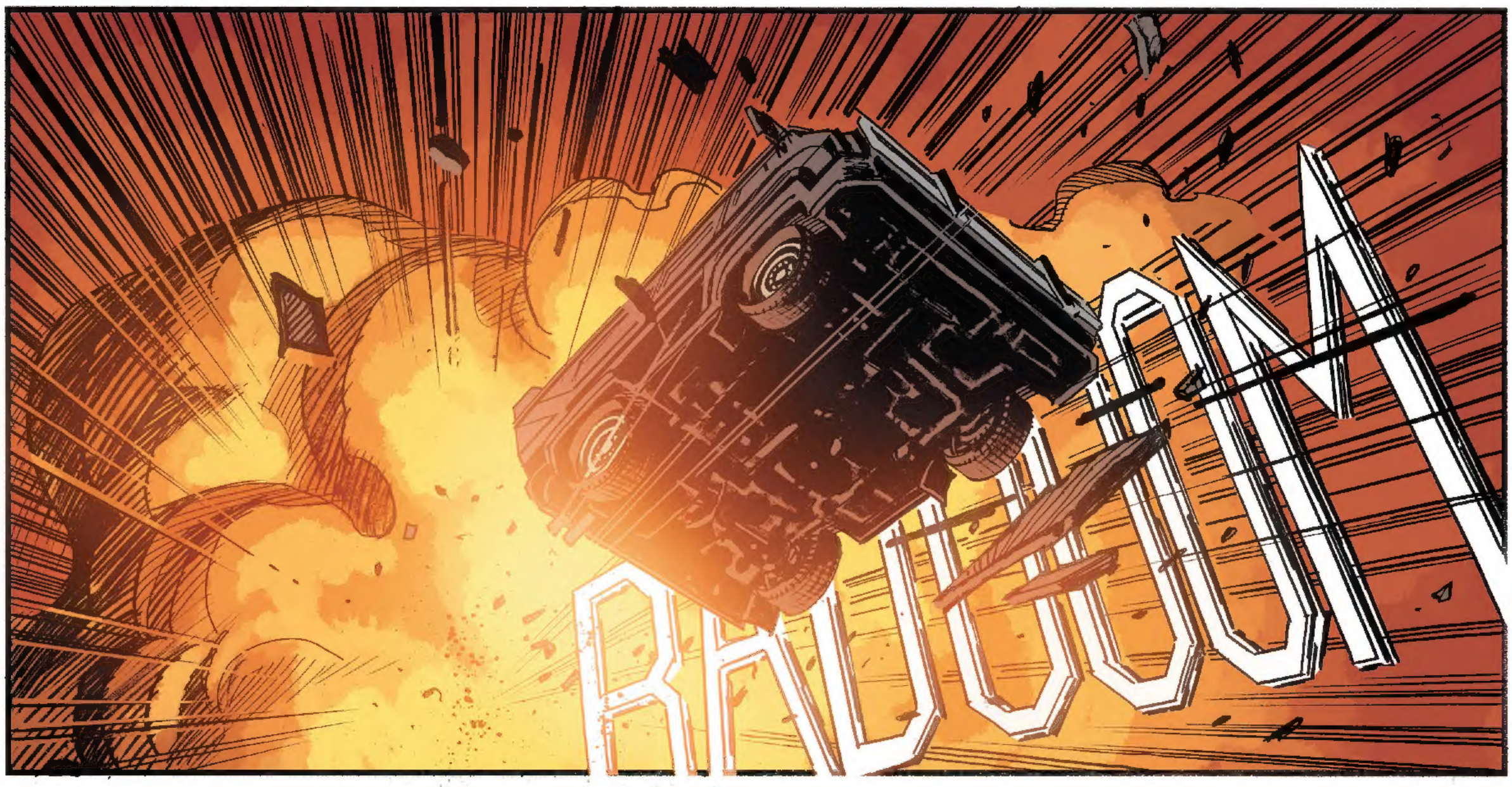

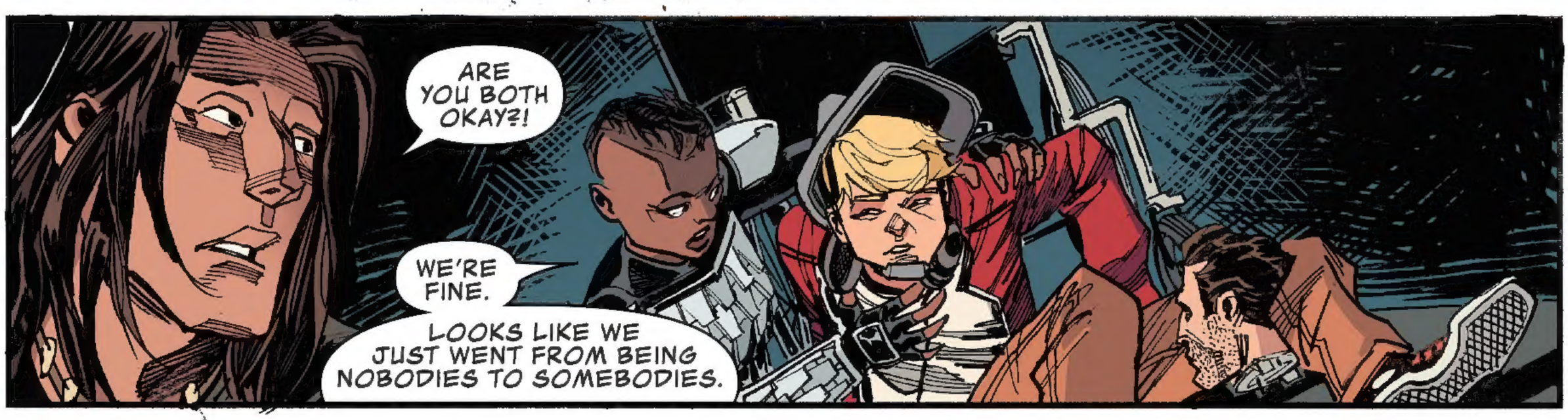

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